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# Realistic Image Synthesis





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# Lots of BRDF Models

SGD [Bagher et al. 2012]

GGX [Walter et al. 2007]

He et al. [1991]

Ashikmin et al. [2000]

Ashikmin & Shirley [2000]

Lafortune et al. [1997]

Neumann and Neumann [1996]

ABC [Löw et al. 2012]

Ward [1992]

Cook & Torrance [1982]

Hanrahan & Kruger [1993]

Blinn [1977]

Beard-Maxwel [1973]

Oren & Nayar [1994]

Granier & Heidrich [2003]

Schlick [1994]

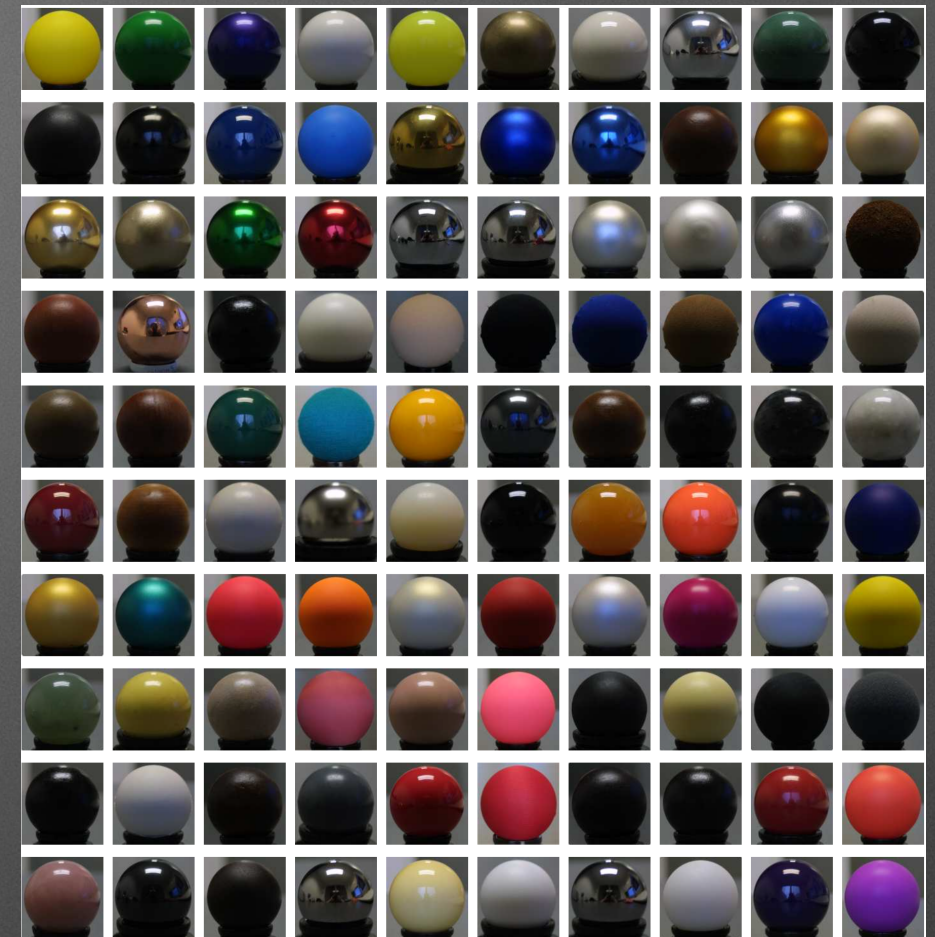
Student-t [Ribardière et al. 2017]

**AND MANY MORE !!!!!**

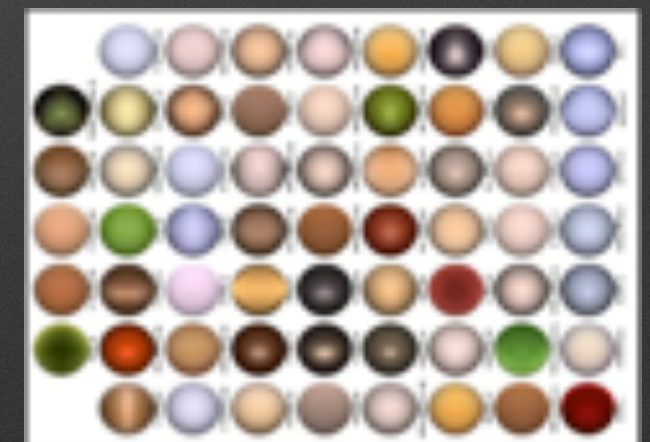


# Few BRDF Measurements Database

- MERL Data Base:
  - 100 materials
  - 2 versions: 2003 and 2006



Cornell

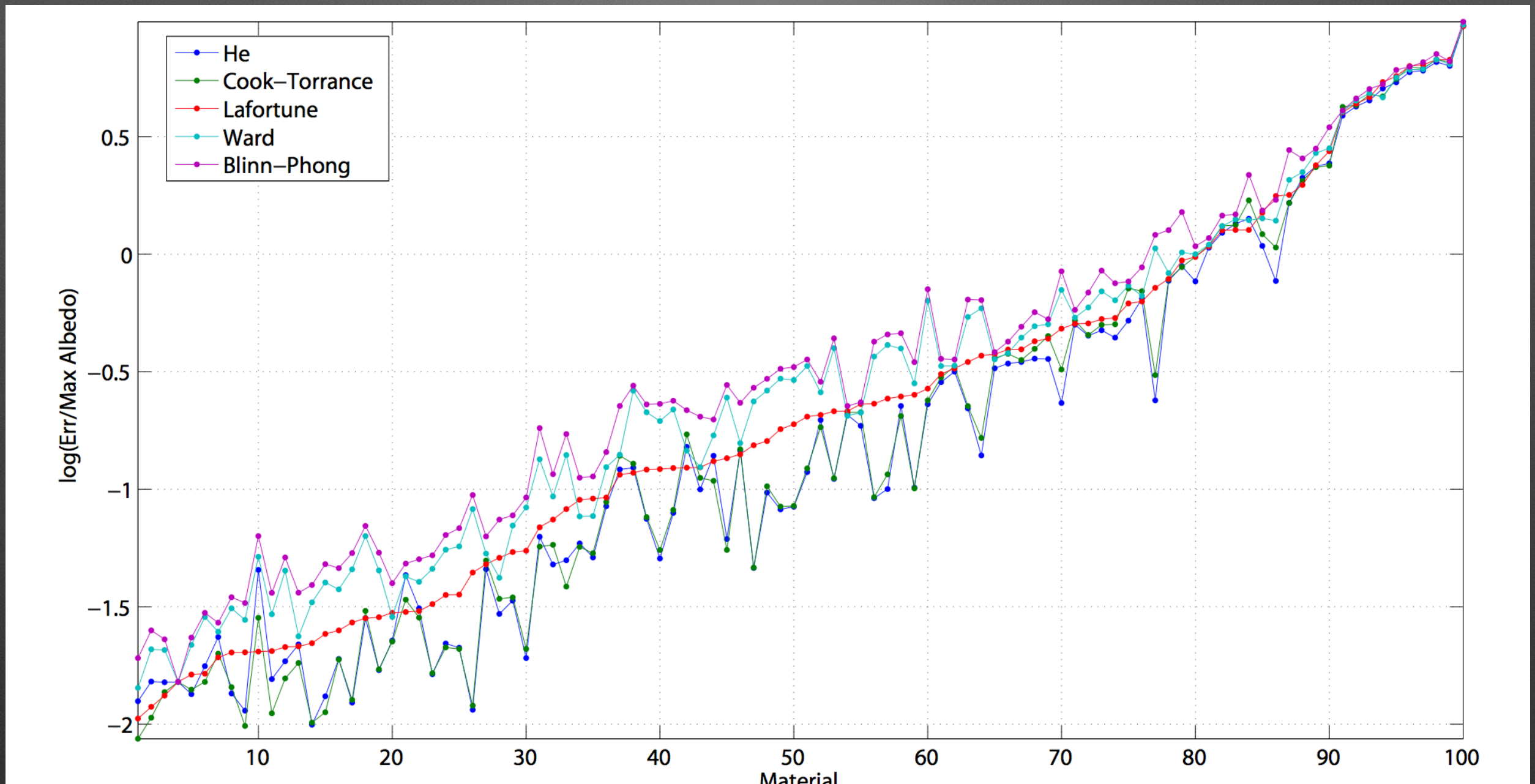


Curet



# BRDF Model comparisons

Study of fitting capabilities of BRDF Models [Ngan2005]

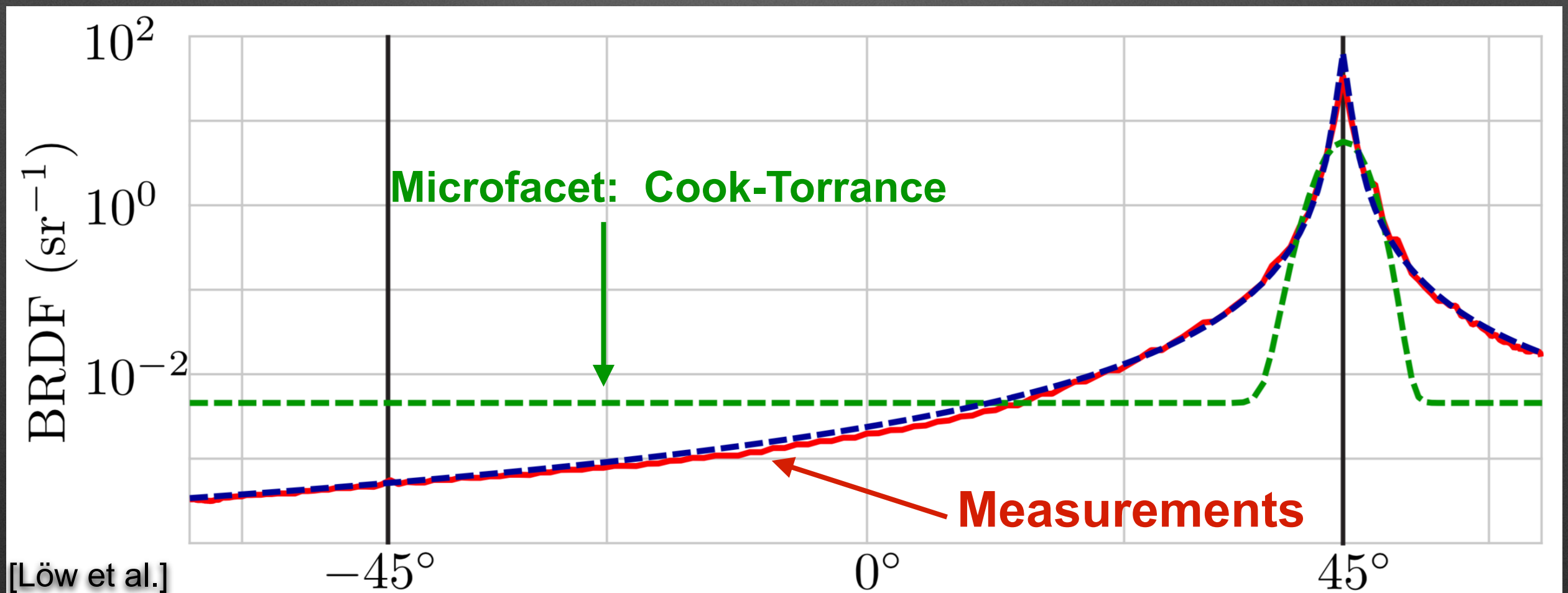


**Winners:** Cook-Torrance [1982] **and** A simplified version of He et al. [1991]



# Closer Look on BRDF Measurements

- Microfacet Theory
  - Good prediction of Specular peak
  - Less Good for low values





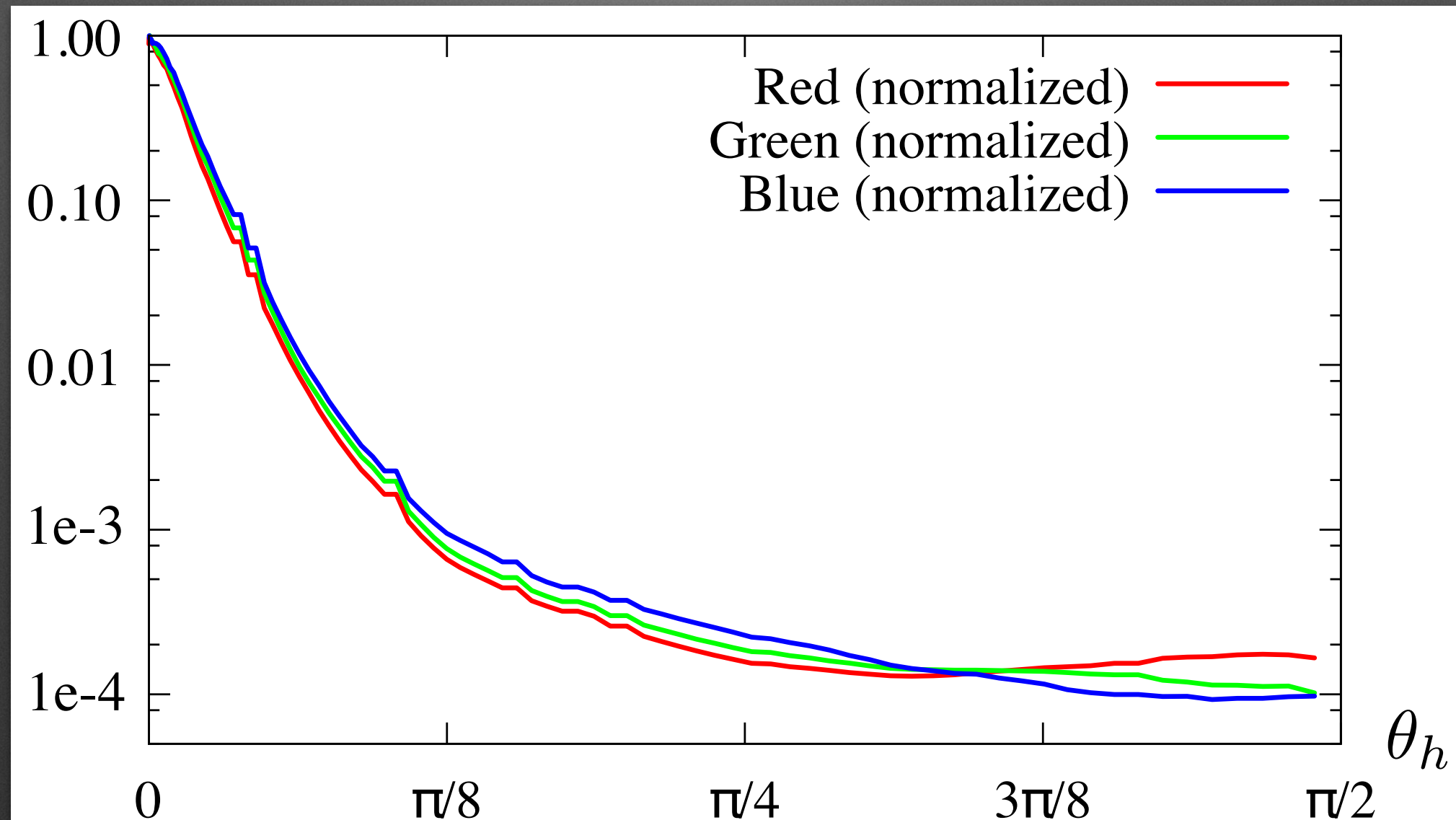
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- Microfacet Theory
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- Common solution:
  - To add a constant or diffuse term
    - For subsurface scattering behavior of the material
  - To add new lobes ==> **No Physical Reality**



# Closer Look on BRDF Measurements

Nickel from MERL database



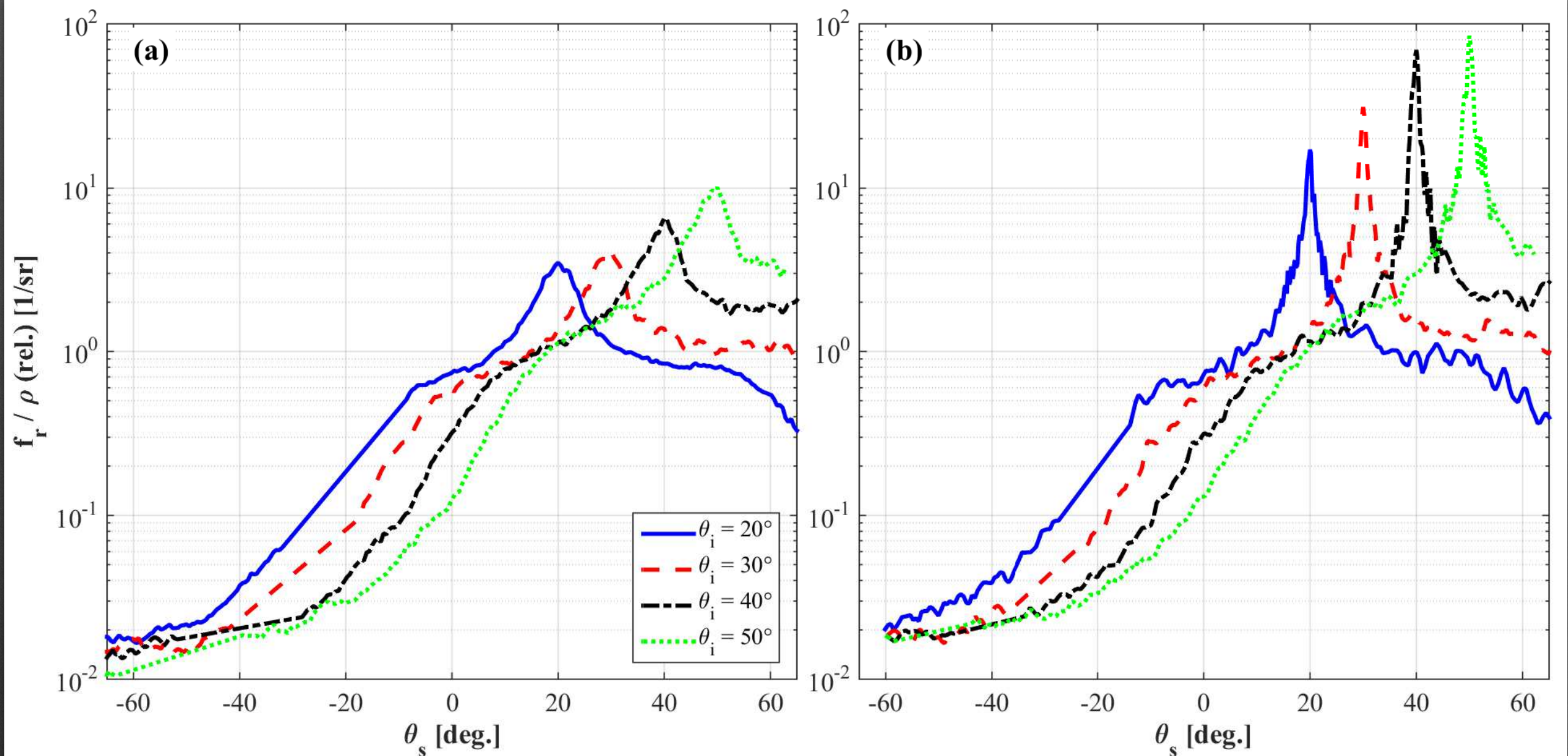
Lobe Size depends of the color



# Closer Look on BRDF Measurements

$\lambda = 3,39$  microns

$\lambda = 10,6$  microns



Grit-Blasted Nickel

[Butler et al. 2015] (SPIE Imaging Spectrometry)



# Observations on Measurements

- Specular lobe
    - Wavelengths light Dependency
- ⇒ **Contradicts** Microfacet Theory



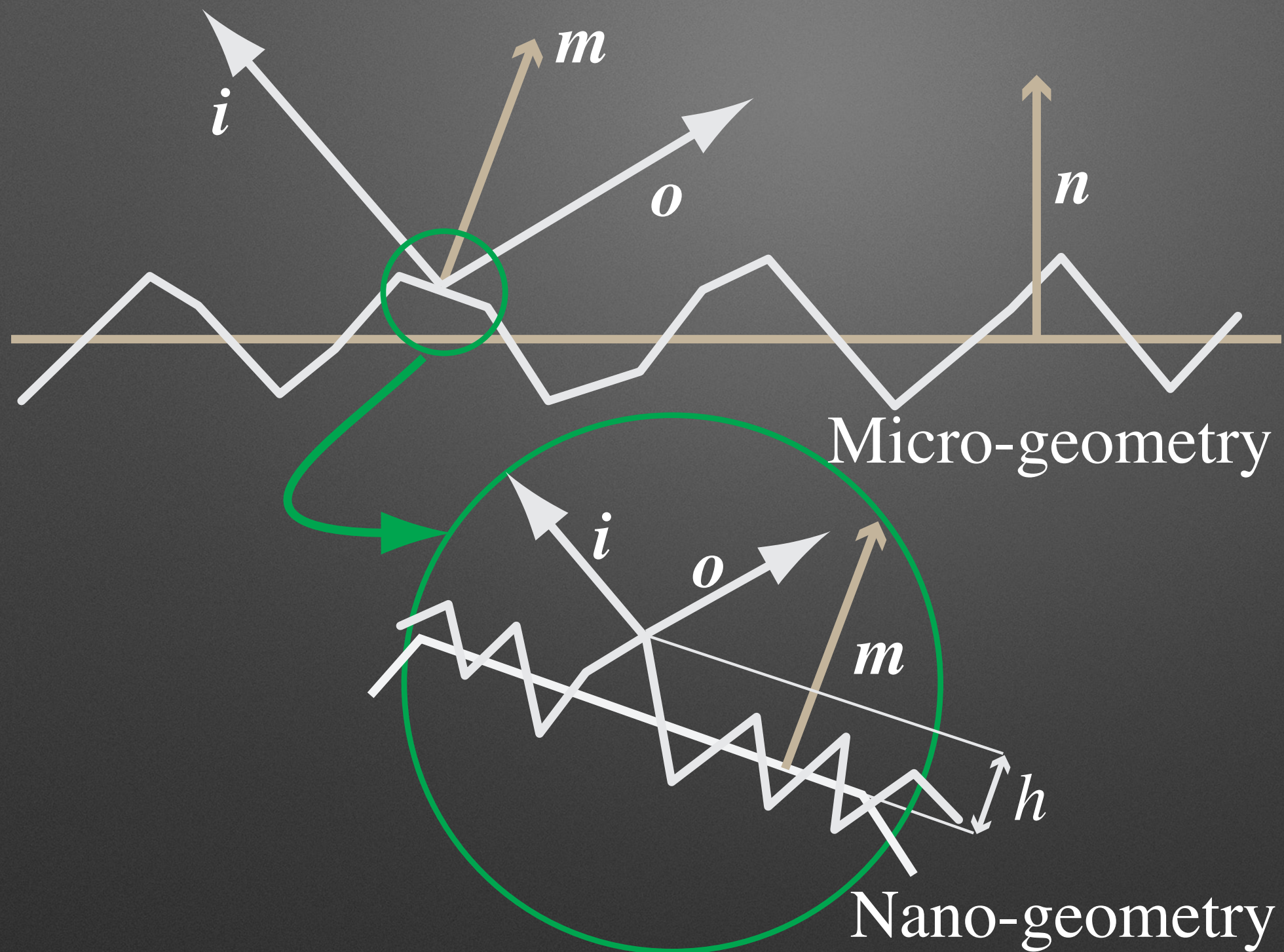
# Microfacet Hypothesis



- Microfacet: Perfect Mirror with a Fresnel Coefficient
- Microfacet  $\gg \lambda =$  light wavelength
  - Geometrical Optics
- Fresnel is the only wavelength dependent term
- How can we model this phenomenon?

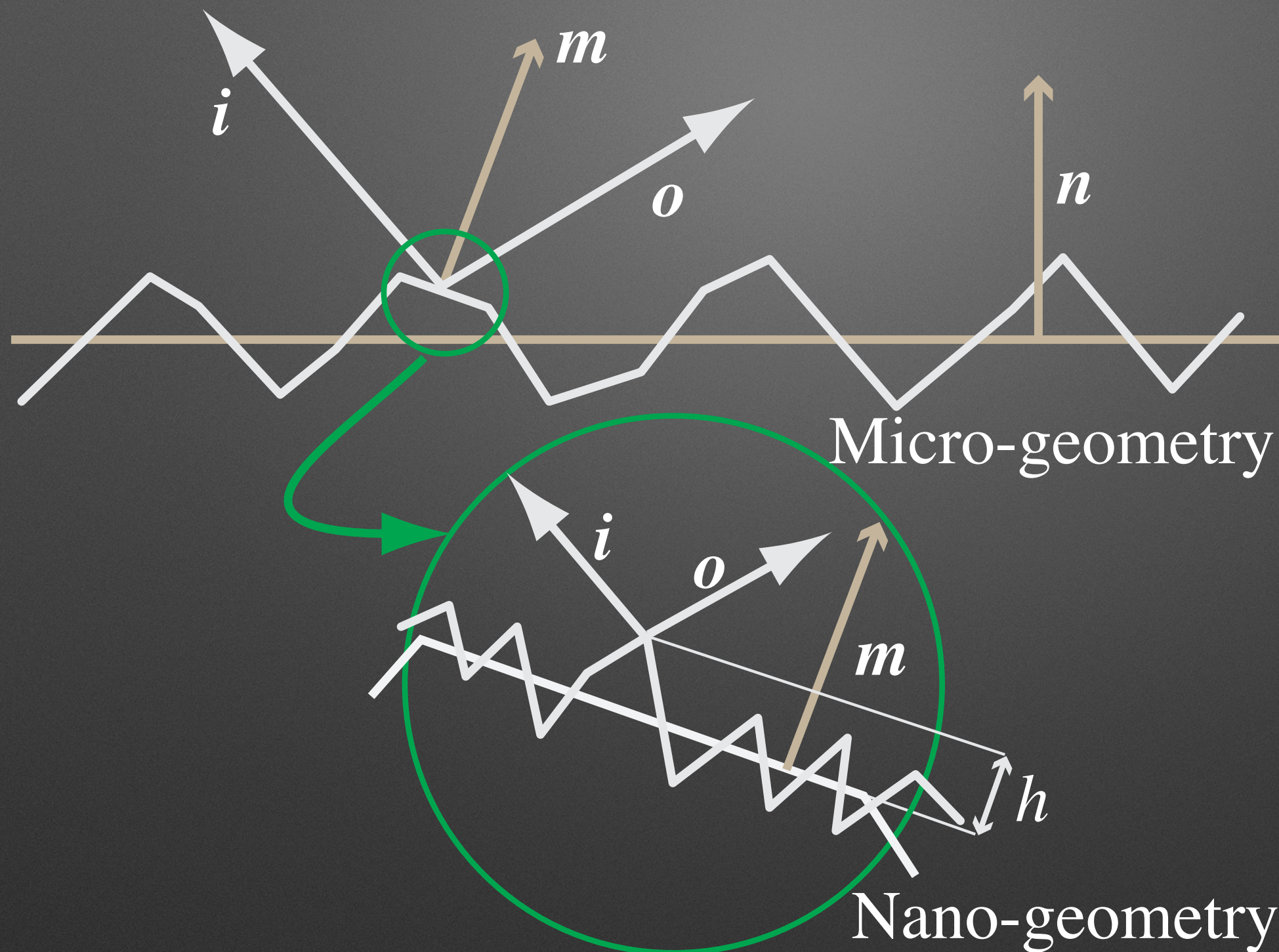


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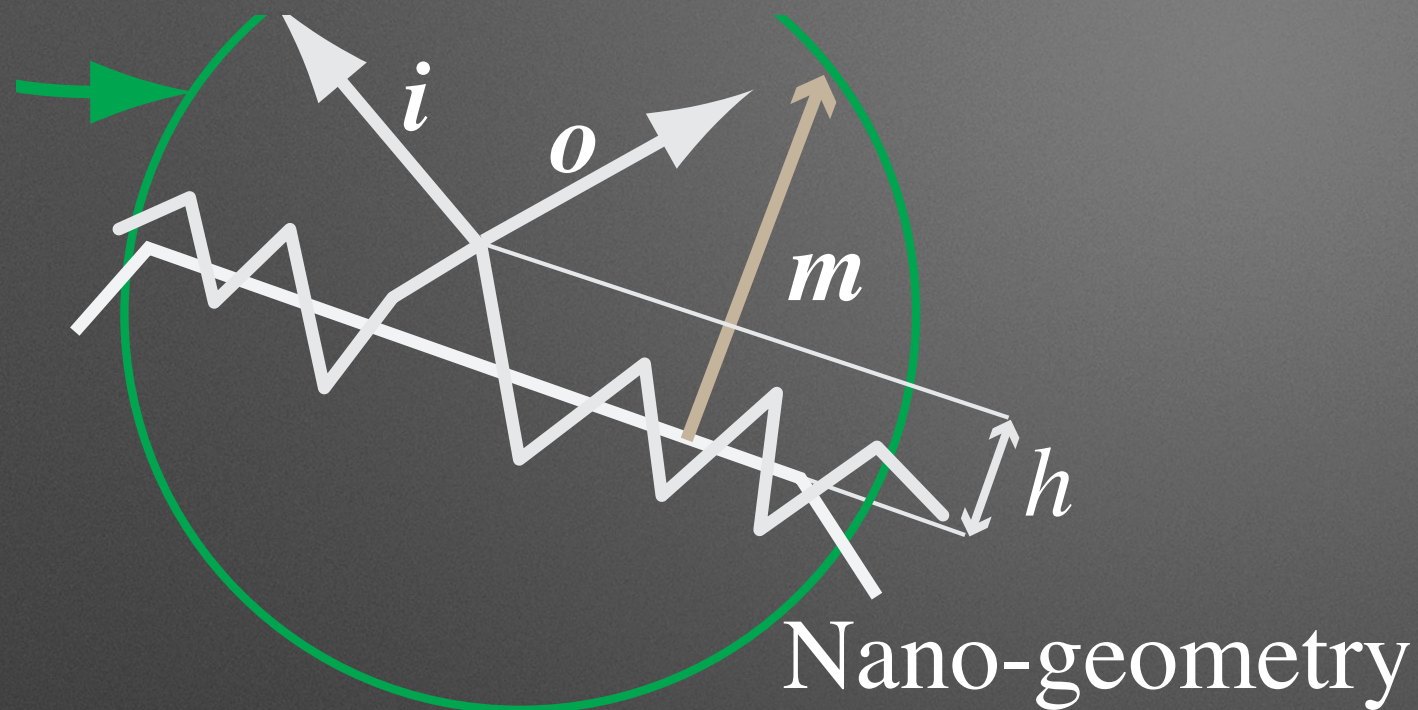


$\gg \lambda$

$\leq \lambda$



# Two-Scale Reflectance Model



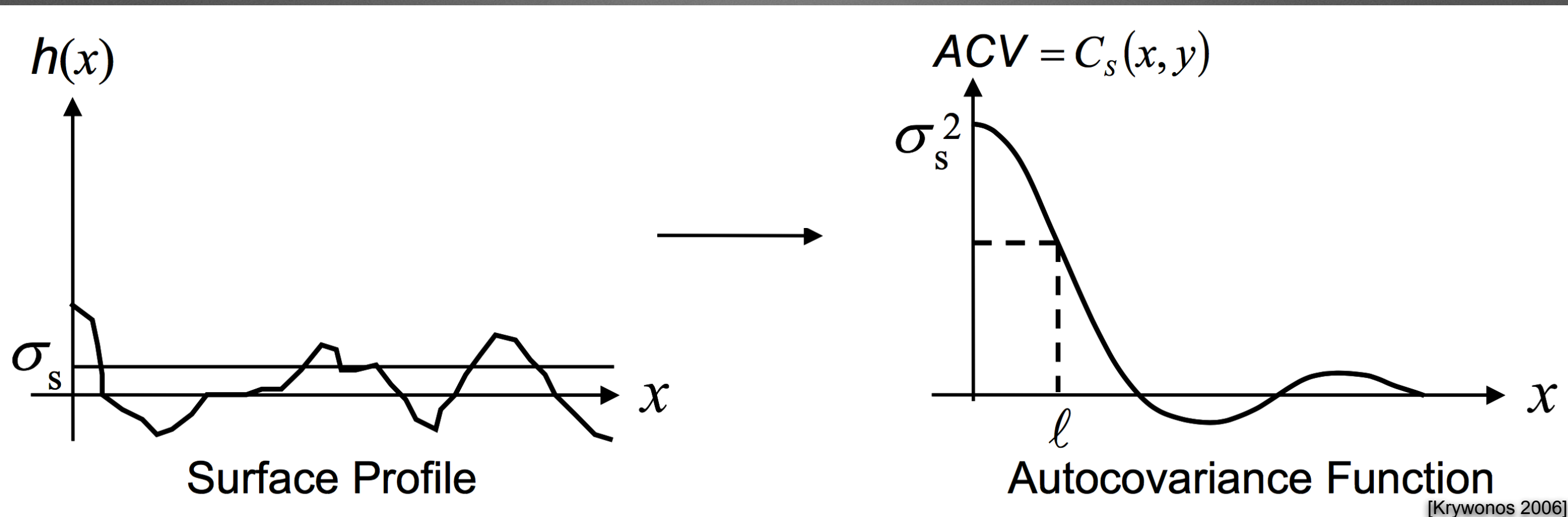
$$\leq \lambda$$

## Wave Optics, Diffraction:

- Necessary to model Scattering of small scale surface
- Reflectance depends on wavelength



# Surface Characteristics

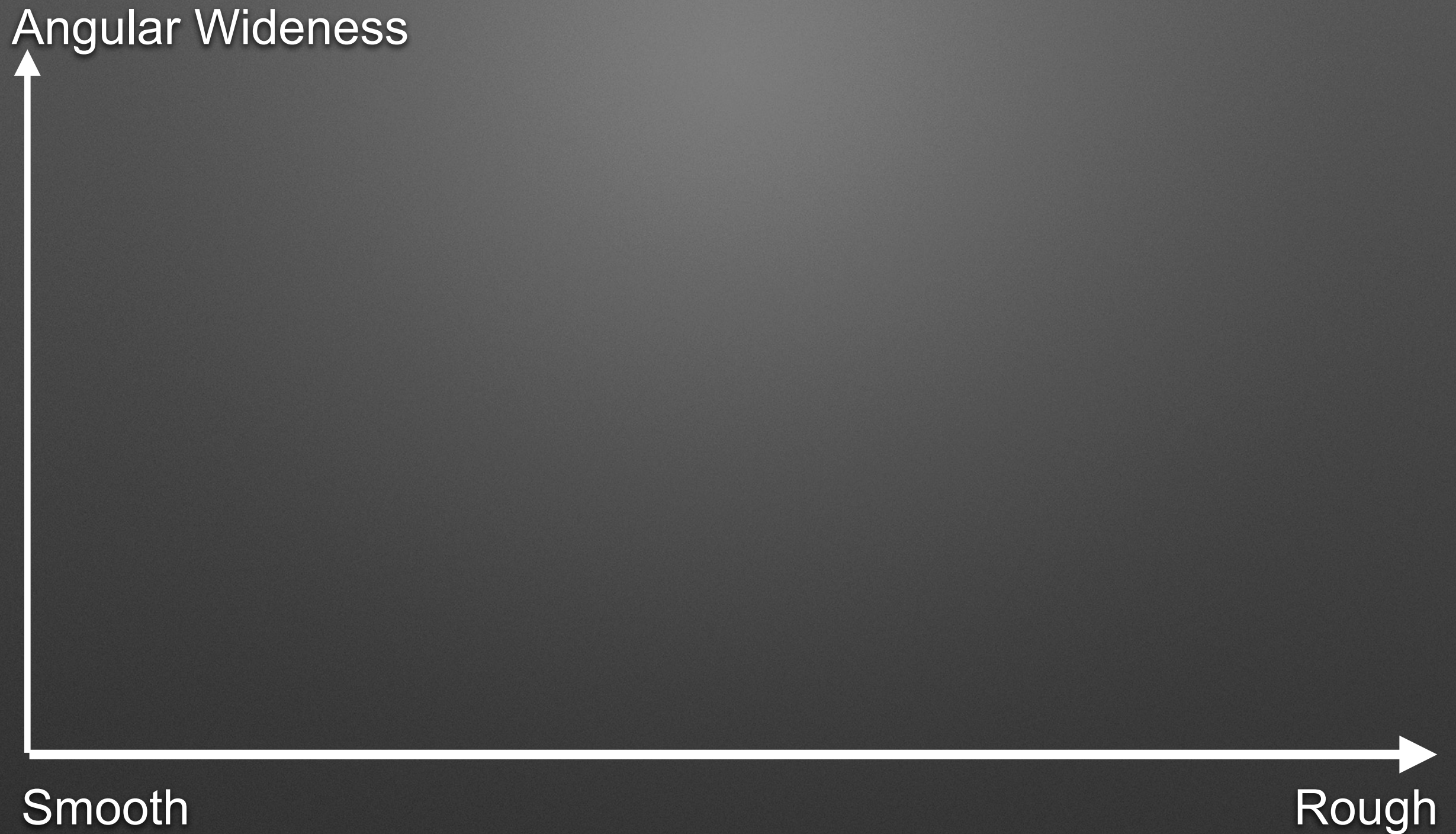


$\sigma_s$  : RMS of the surface roughness

$l$  : autocovariance length



# Diffraction Theories for Scattering





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Angular Wideness

Rayleigh-Rice  
[Löw 2012]

Smooth

Rough



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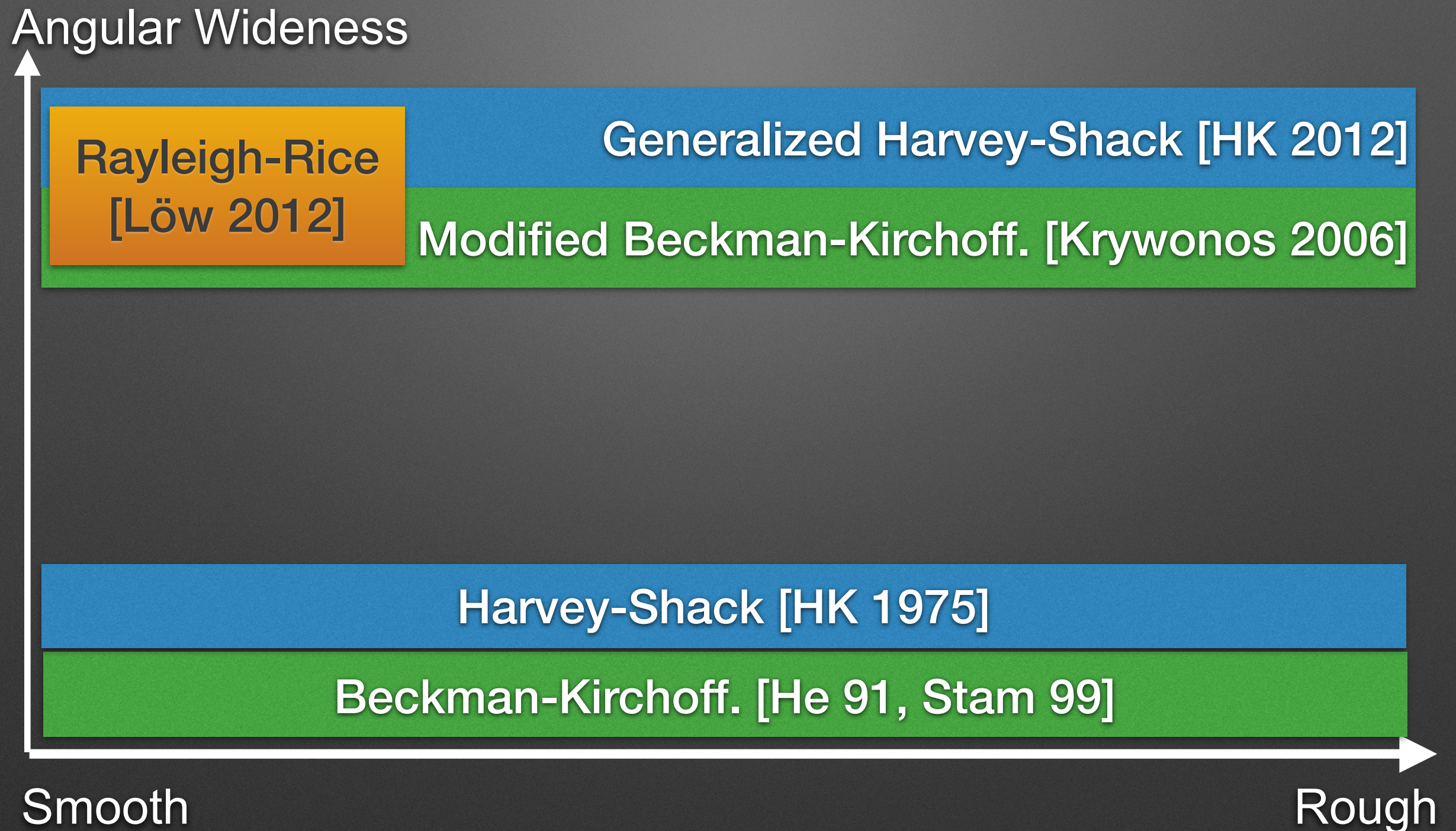
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All Theories: **SINGLE** Scattering ONLY



# Diffraction Theories for Scattering

## Generalized Harvey-Shack

- Gaussian Surface Profile
- **Arbitrary** Autocovariance Function

⇒ Our Model utilizes it

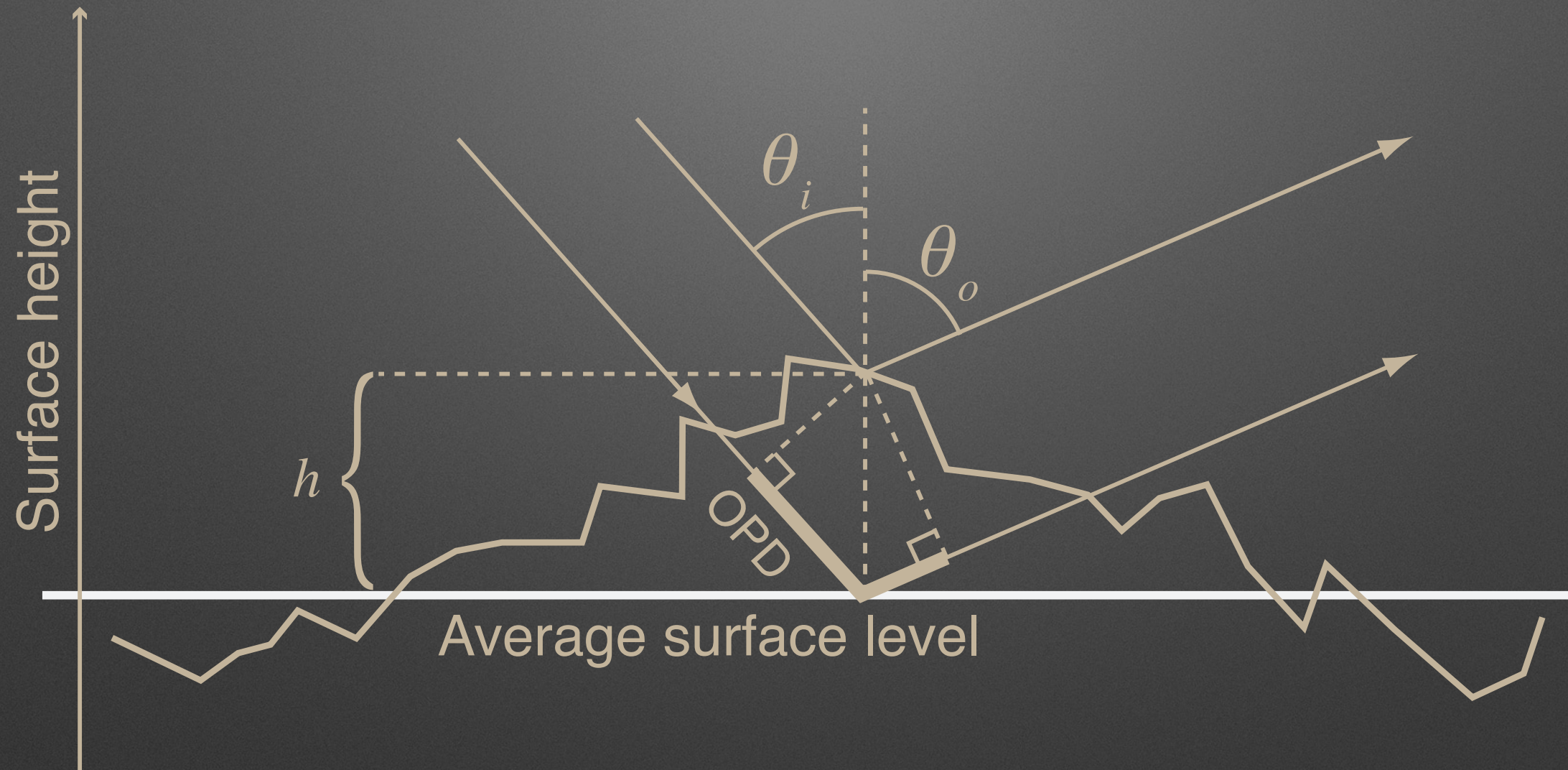
## Modified Beckman-Kirchoff

- Gaussian Surface Profile
- Gaussian Autocovariance Function



# Generalized Harvey-Shack

Main Idea: **Surface = Transfer Function** on the incident wave

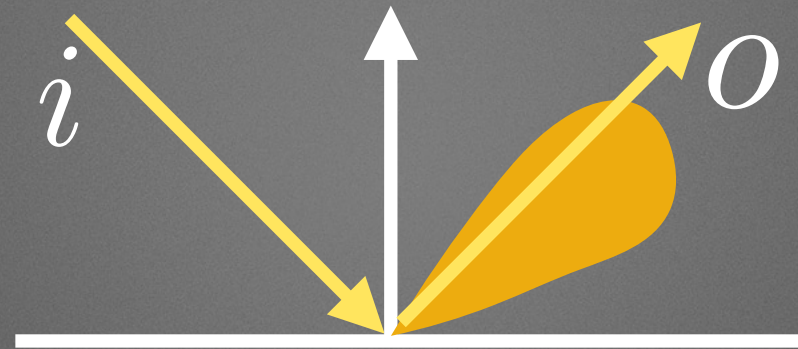


$$\text{OPD} = (\cos\theta_i + \cos\theta_o)h(x, y)$$

$$\text{random phase} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \text{OPD}$$



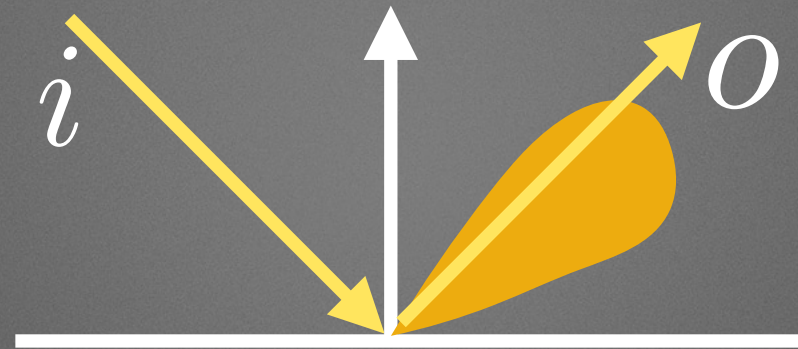
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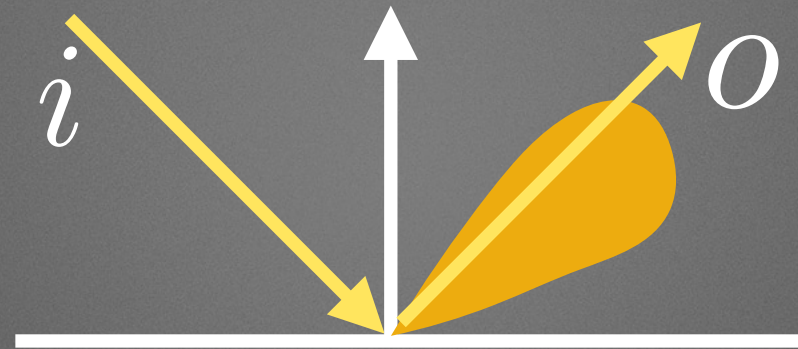


BRDF: Specular Peak (Dirac) + Diffraction Lobe

$$\rho(i, o) = \text{Fresnel}(i, o) \left[ A\delta(\text{refl}(i), o) + (1 - A) \underbrace{\mathcal{F}_{|x,y}\{C(x, y, i, o)\}}_{\text{2D Fourier Transform}} \right]$$



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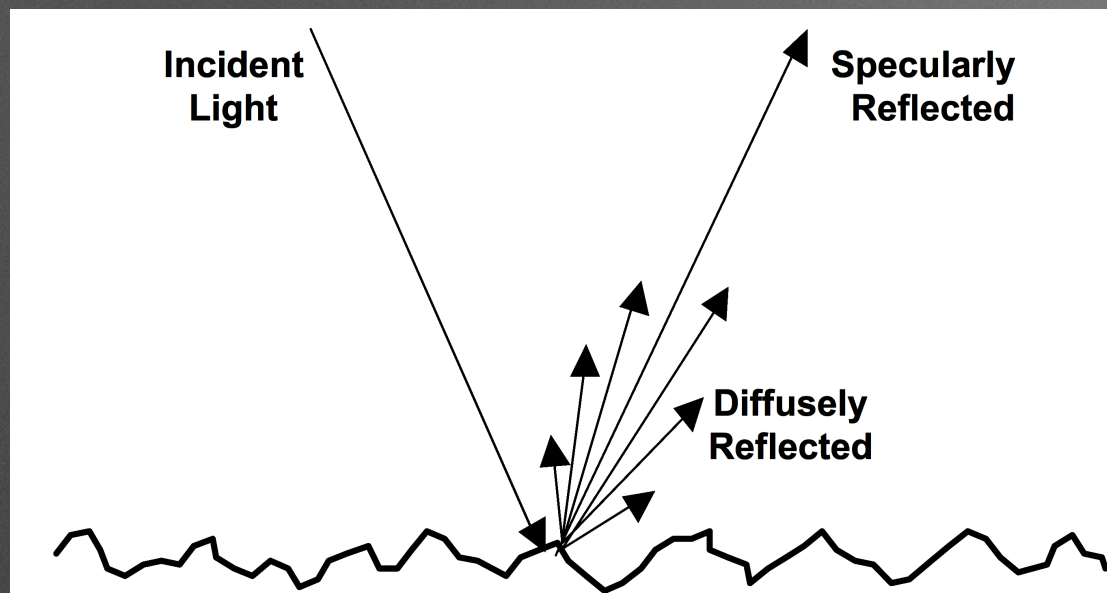
$\mathcal{F}_{|x,y}\{C(x, y, i, o)\}$  : Fourier Transform per light and view

$$C(x, y, i, o) \propto \text{AutoCovariance}(x, y) C'(i, o)$$

$$A = \exp\left\{-\left(2\pi(\cos \theta_i + \cos \theta_o) \frac{\sigma_s}{\lambda}\right)^2\right\}$$



# Summary on Generalized Harvey-Shack



$$\rho(i, o) = \dots (1 - A) \mathcal{F}\{G(x, y, i, o)\}$$

$$A = e^{-\left(2\pi(\cos \theta_i + \cos \theta_o) \frac{\sigma_s}{\lambda}\right)^2}$$

- Valid for all roughness and all angles
- Reflectance Depends on Wavelength
- BUT ...
- Fourier Transform per directions



GHS is **too expensive** for CG



# Diffraction into our Two-Scale Model

- Hypotheses

- Micro-geometry: ROUGH

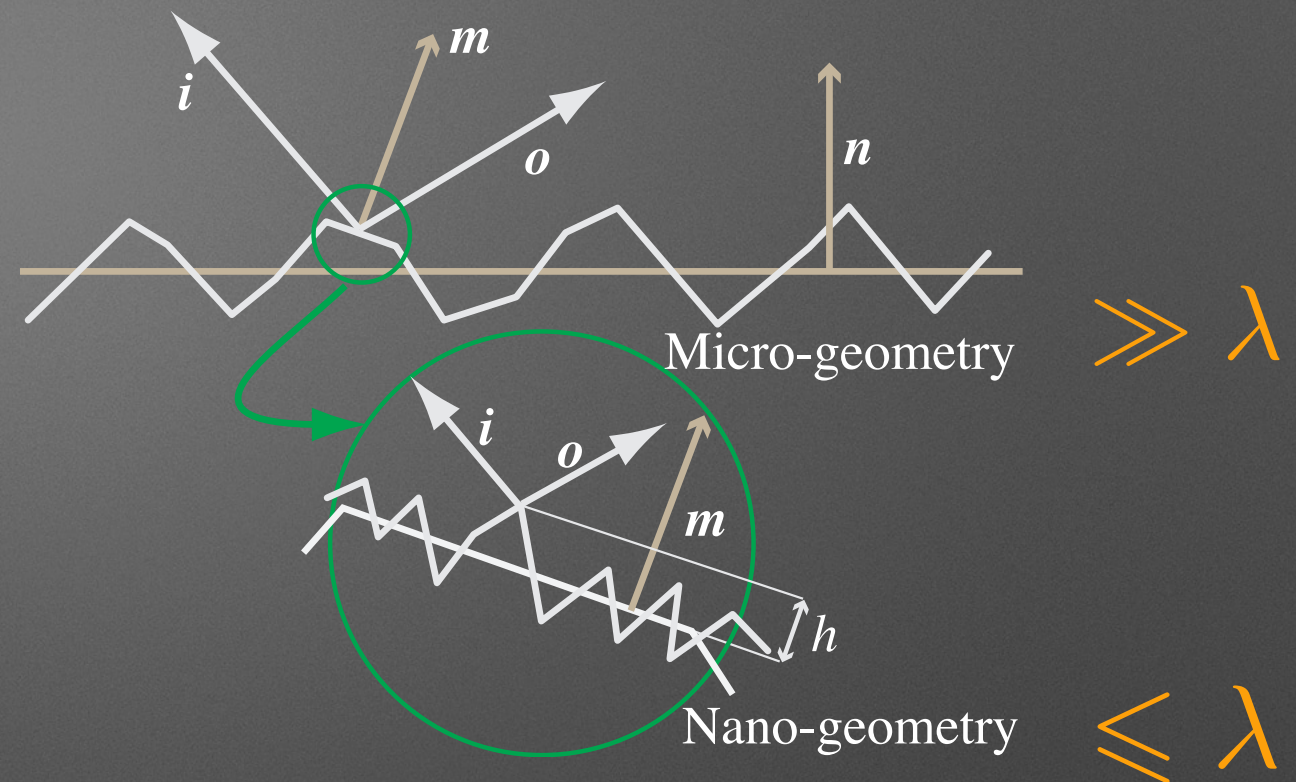
- Nano-geometry: SMOOTH

⇒ **GHS simplifies** a bit

- Each Microfacet is a diffractive element

- Final BRDF :

- Convolution of Diffractive Elements with Micro-geometry





# Our Approach for Smooth Regime

$$\rho(i, o) = \textit{Fresnel} \left[ A \delta(\textit{refl}(i), o) + (1 - A) \mathcal{F}\{C(x, y, i, o)\} \right]$$



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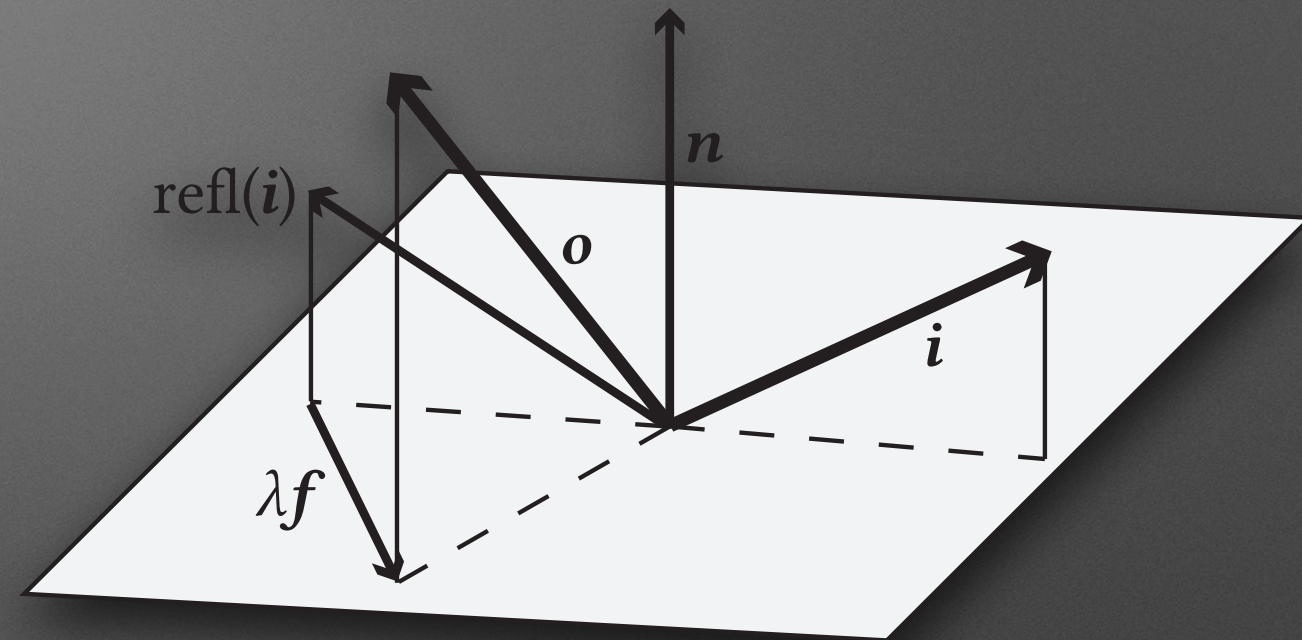
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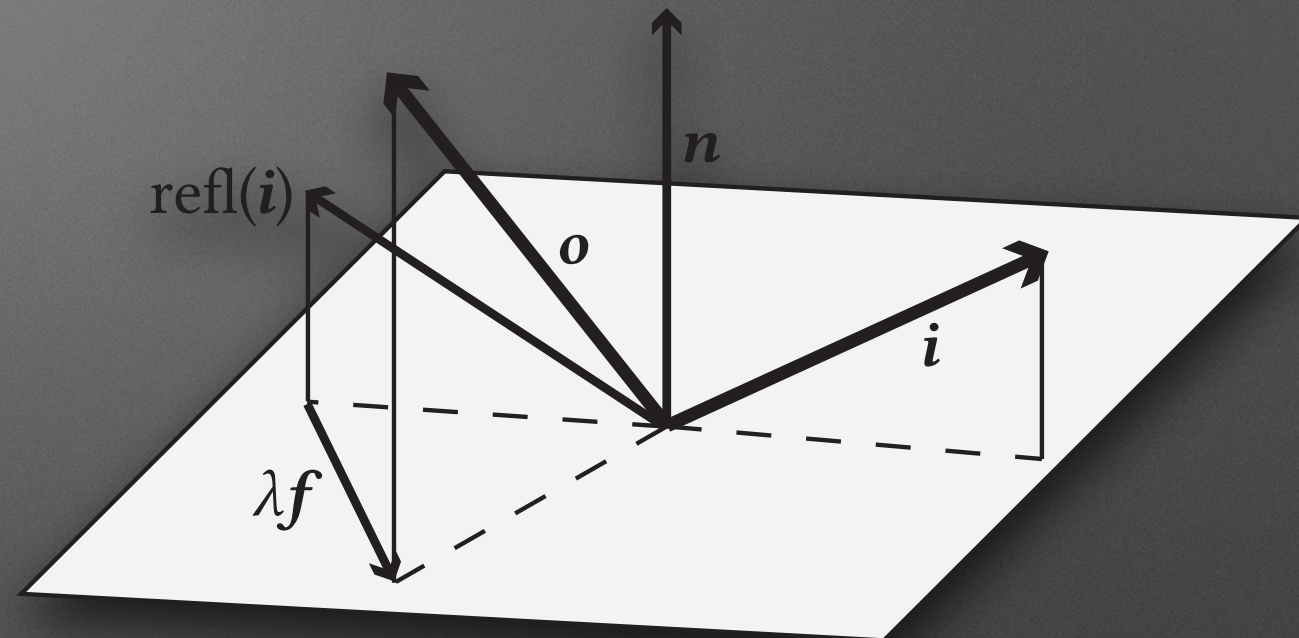
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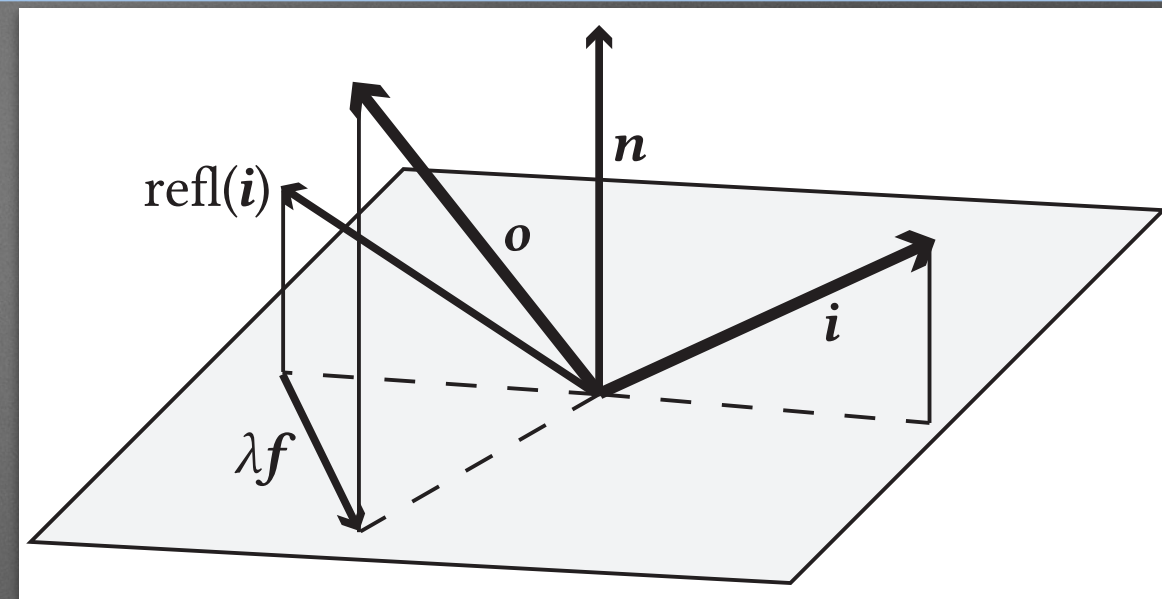
- $\mathbf{f} \Leftrightarrow$  Alternative Parametrization [Barla et al. Mam 2015]



# Renormalization of the Diffraction Lobe

$$\mathcal{F}\{C(x, y)\} \approx \text{K-Correlation}(\sigma_s, \mathbf{f})$$

$$\sigma_s^2 = \iint \text{K-Correlation}(\sigma_s, \mathbf{f}) d\mathbf{f}$$



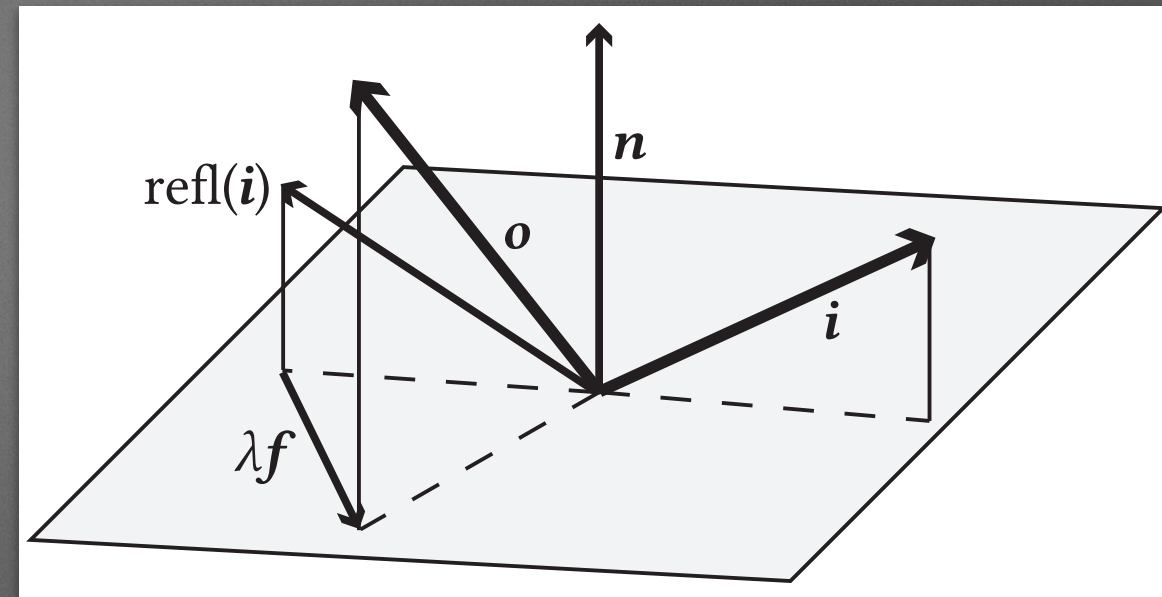


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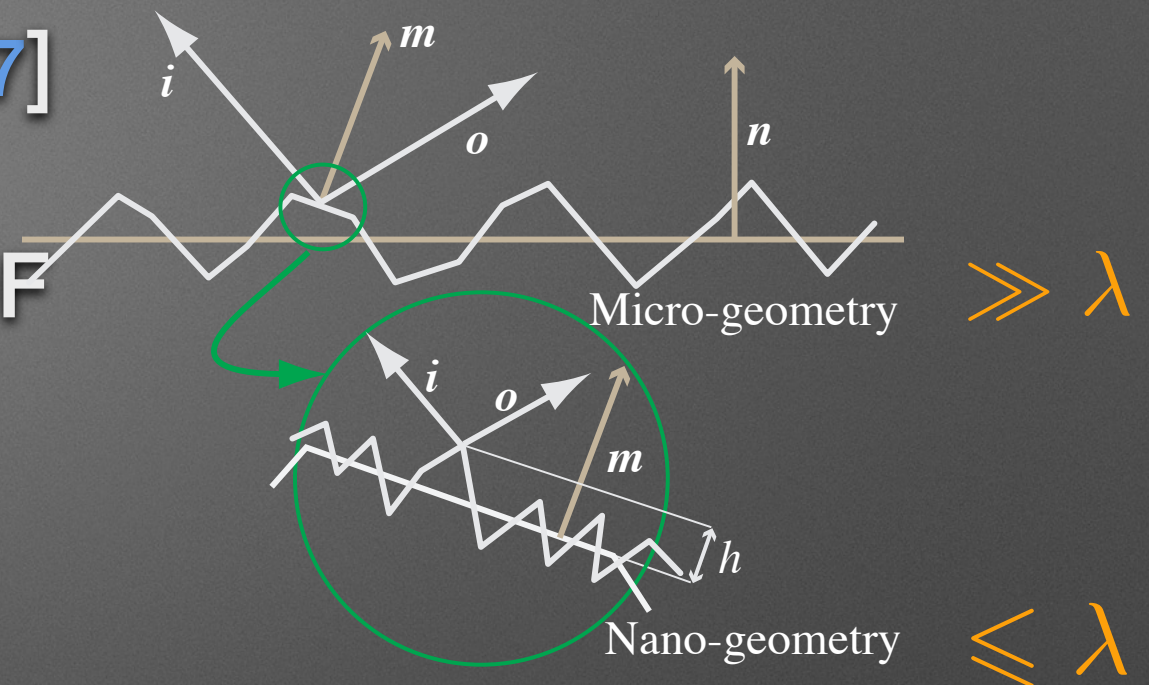


- **Enforce Energy repartition** between dirac and diffraction [Harvey2012]
- Comes from the Autocovariance Function Property
- Precomputed for a large range of values: 8.9MB



# Diffraction into our Two-Scale Model

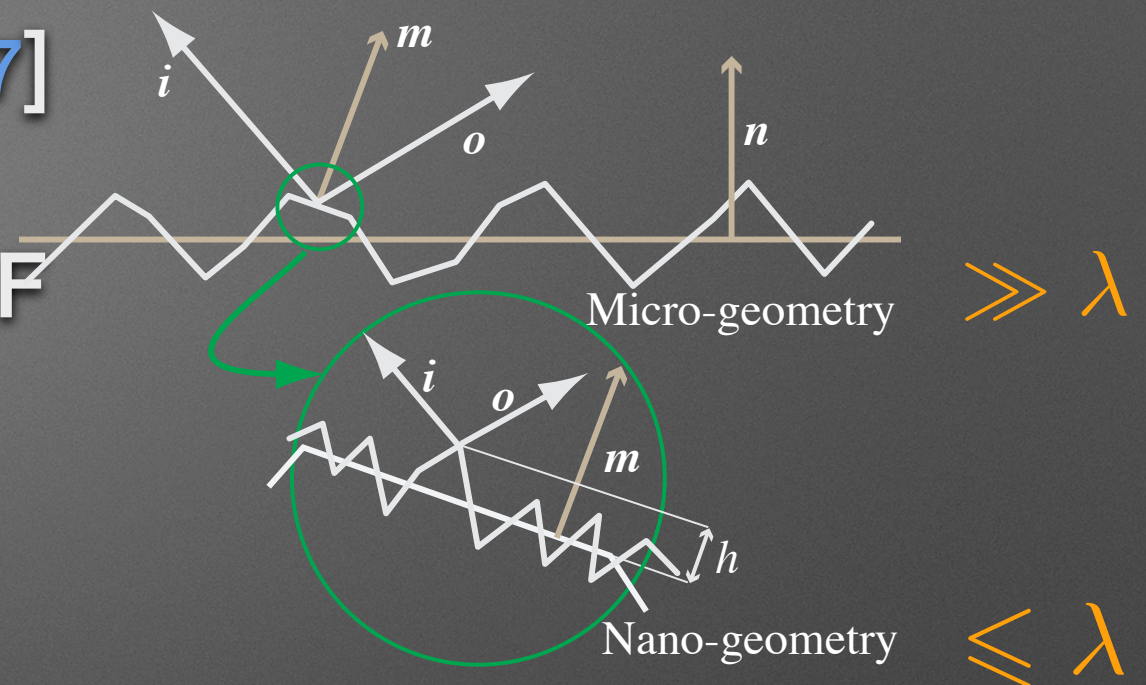
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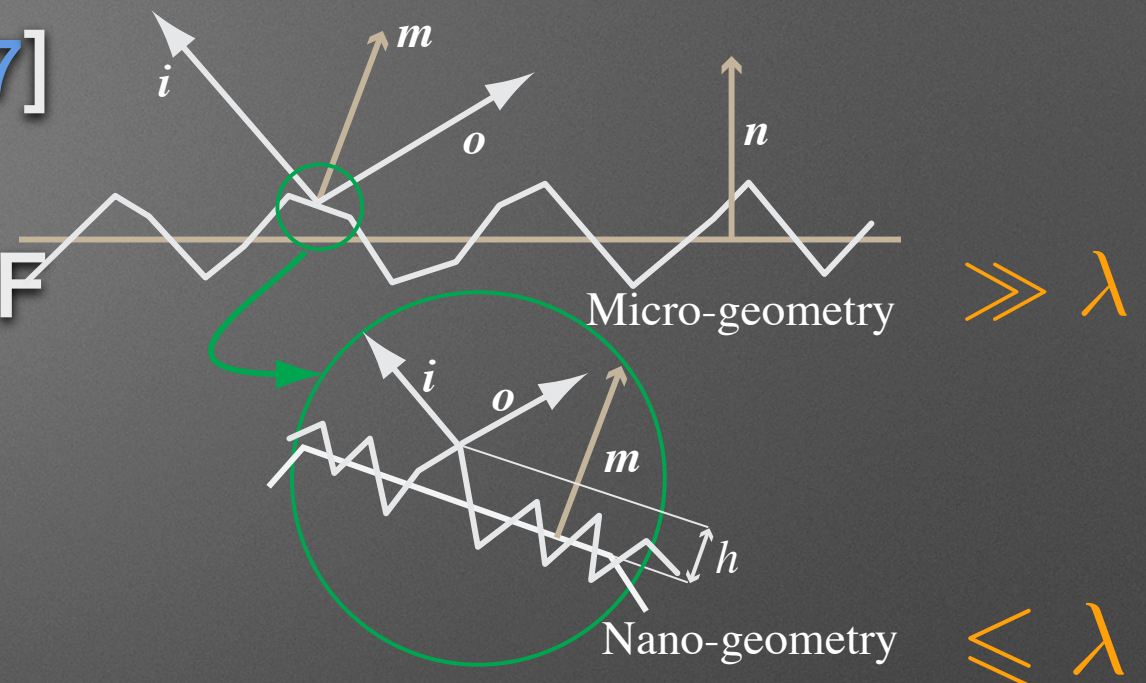
$$\rho(i, o) = \int_{\Omega_m} \underbrace{\rho_m(i, o, m)}_{\text{Microfacet BRDF}} G(i, o) D(m) d\omega_m$$



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- In Our Case, **Smooth Diffractive Microfacet:**

$$\rho_m(i, o, m) = \text{Fresnel} \left[ A \delta(\text{refl}(i), o) + (1 - A) K_{\sigma_s}(f) \right]$$



# Convolution of a Diffractive Microfacet

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$$\rho(i, o) = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega_m} \text{Fresnel}(i, o) A \delta(\text{refl}(i), o) G(i, o) D(m) d\omega_m}_{\text{Microfacet-based BRDF}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\int_{\Omega_m} \text{Fresnel}(i, o) (1 - A) K_{\sigma_s}(f) G(i, o) D(m) d\omega_m}_{\text{Diffraction Part}}$$

Diffraction Part



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$$\rho(i, o) = \frac{Fresnel(i, o) D(\theta_h) G(i, o)}{4 \pi \cos \theta_i \cos \theta_o}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\int_{\Omega_m} Fresnel(i, o) (1 - A) K_{\sigma_s}(f) G(i, o) D(m) d\omega_m}_{\text{Diffraction Part}}$$

Diffraction Part



# Convolution of a Diffractive Microfacet

$$\rho_{ghs}(i, o) = \int_{\Omega_m} Fr(i, o) (1 - A_{\sigma_s}(i, o)) K_{\sigma_s}(f) G(i, o) D(m) d\omega_m$$



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$$f = 2 \cos \theta_d \sqrt{(1 - (h \cdot m)^2)}$$

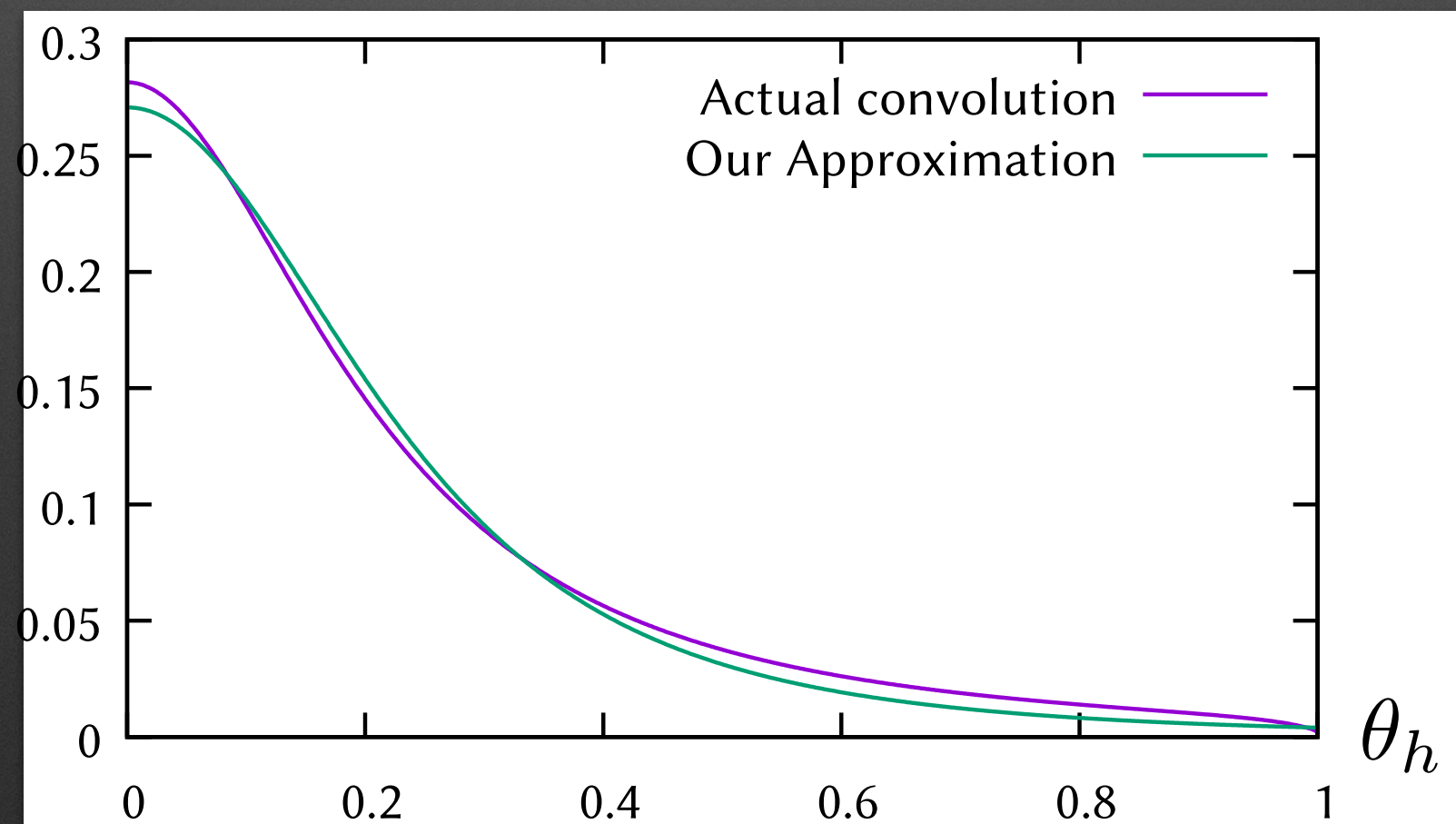


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## Convolution Computation

- Product of Zonal Harmonics. 100 Coefficients
- Result is a **new K-Correlation Function**
- 4D Table Precomputed
- Parameters :  $\frac{\cos \theta_d}{\lambda}$ ,  $D(m)$  and K-Correlation Model



# Our Model for Conductor

- Combination of a Specular Lobe and Diffractive Lobe

$$\rho(i, o) = A_{\sigma_s}(\theta_d) \underbrace{\rho_{epd}(i, o)}_{\text{specular}} + \underbrace{\rho_{ghs}(i, o)}_{\text{diffraction}}$$

- Specular Lobe: Exponential Power Distribution (EPD)

$$epd(x) = \frac{p}{\pi \beta^2 \Gamma(1/p)} e^{-(x/\beta^2)^p}$$



# Exponential Power Distribution NDF

- Generalization of Gaussian Distribution

- Kurtosis control

- Similar to [Brady2014]

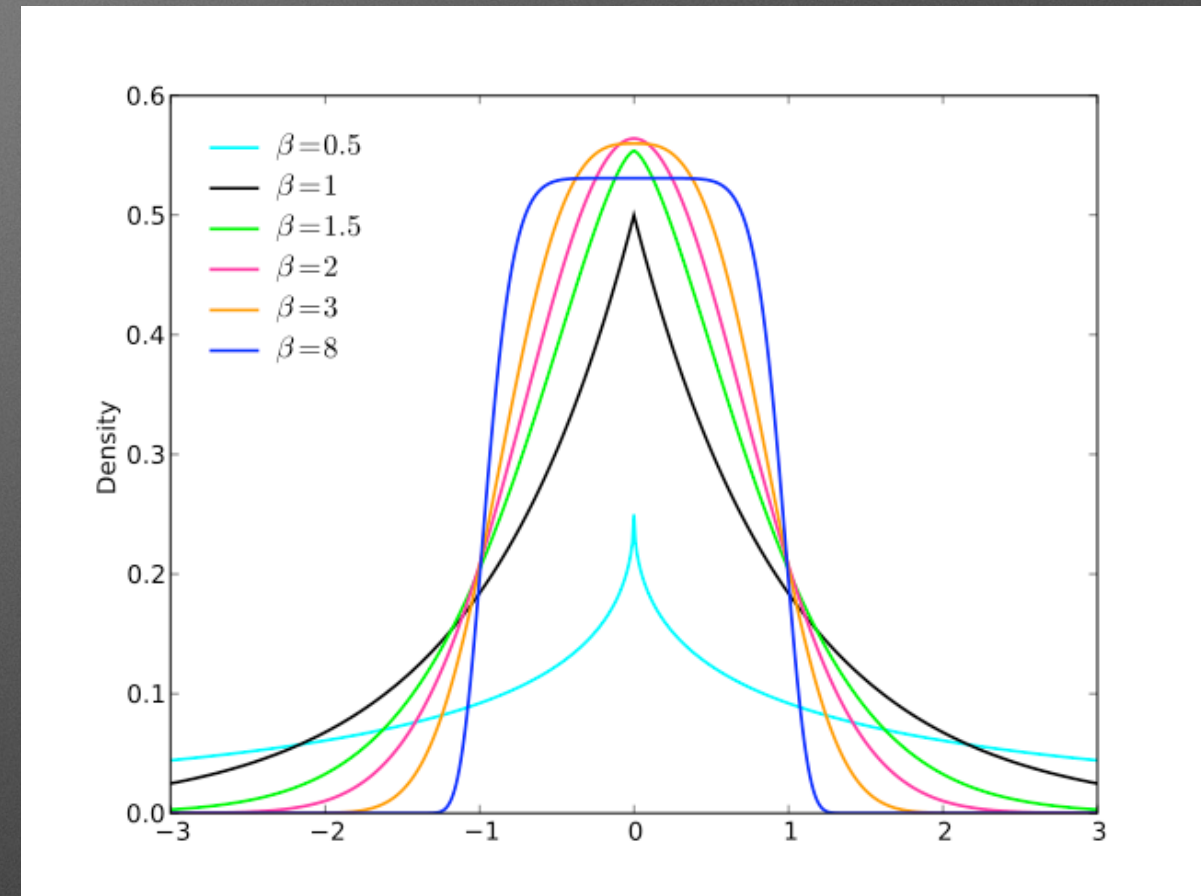
- Analytical Importance Sampling

- Distribution only

- Shadowing Term

- Precomputed for large range of possible values for the parameters

- 390 KB 2D Array





# Parameters of the Model

- Diffraction Lobe

RMS of Surface Roughness : 1

Index of Refraction : 2 per wavelength

K-correlation Model : 2 parameters

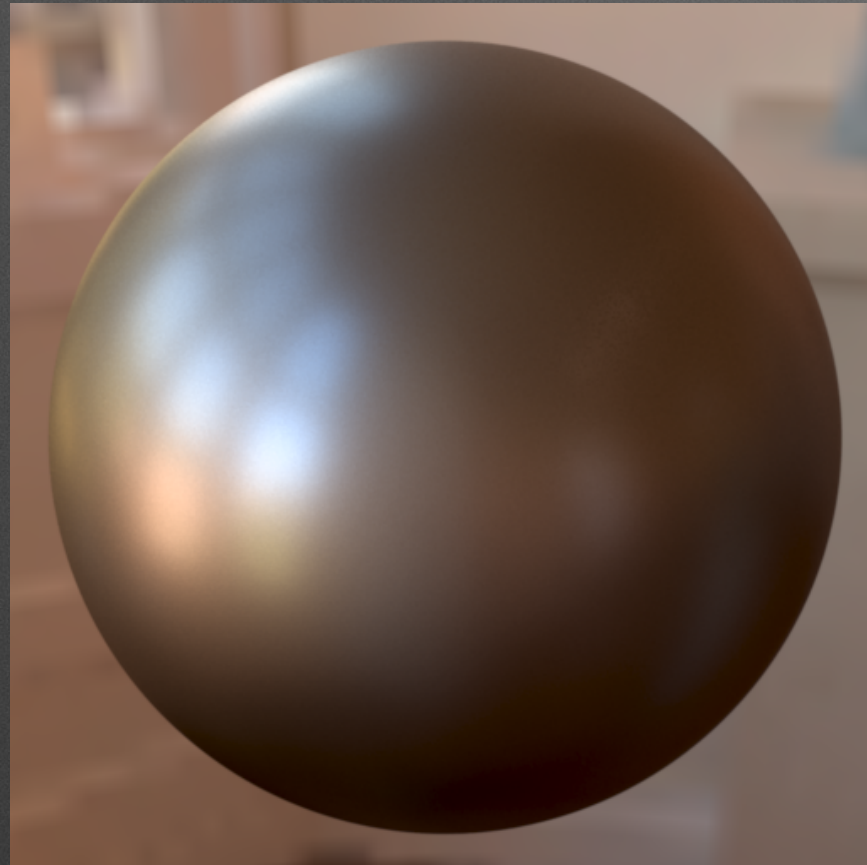
- Specular Lobe

$\beta$  : Width

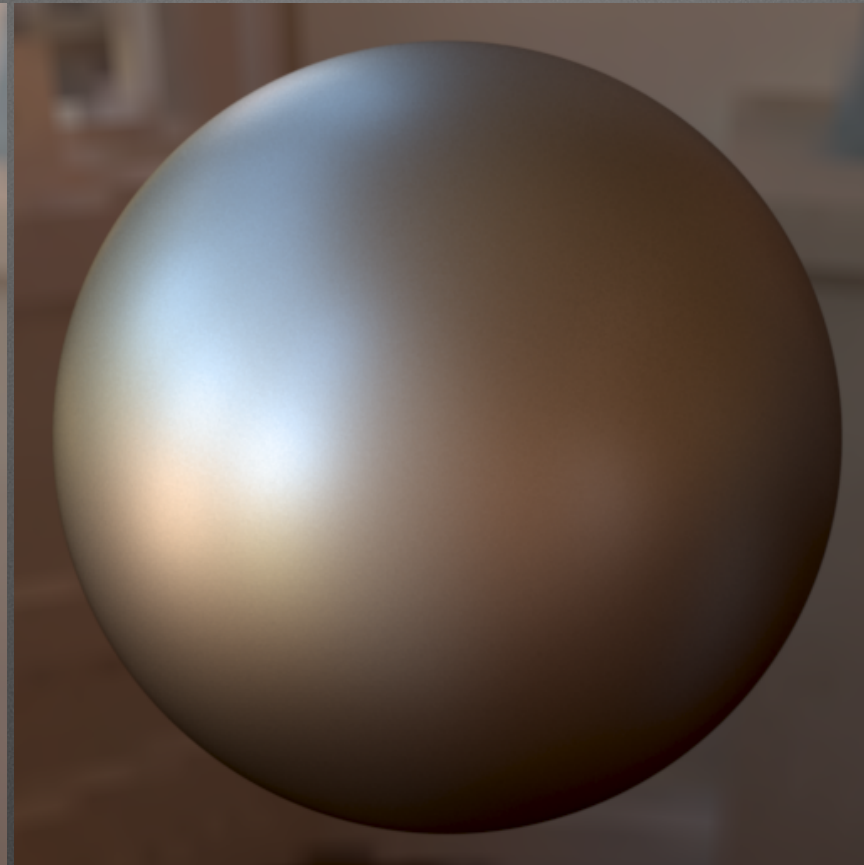
$p$  : Kurtosis



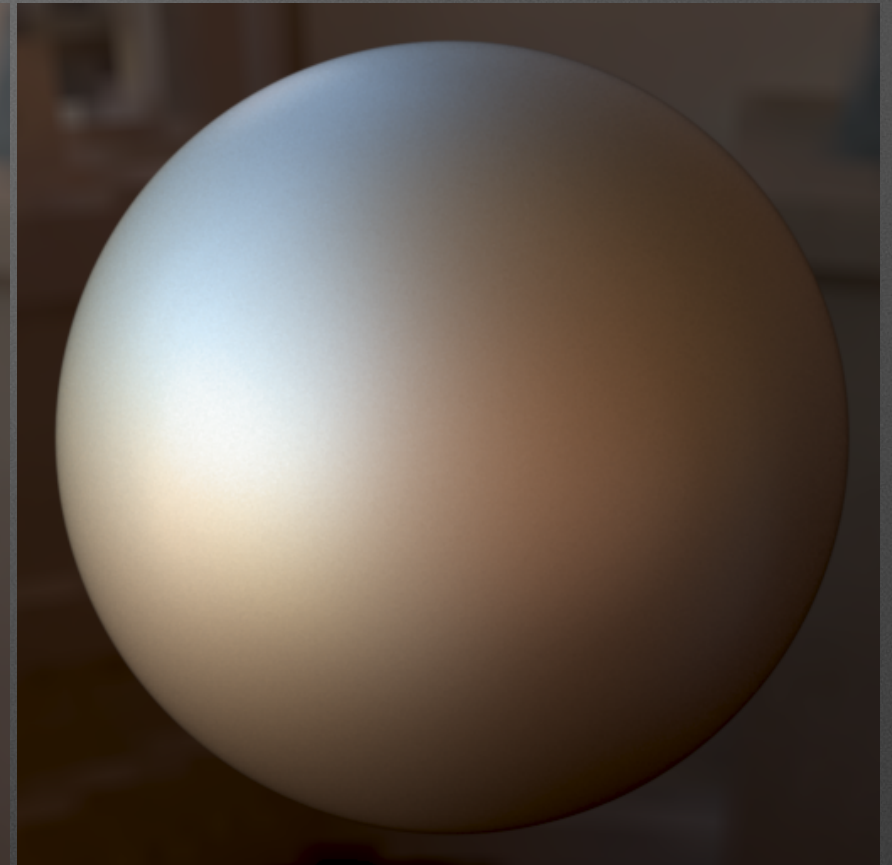
# Diffraction Parameters Behaviour



$$\sigma_s \times 3, b/3$$



$$\sigma_s \times 1, b \times 1$$



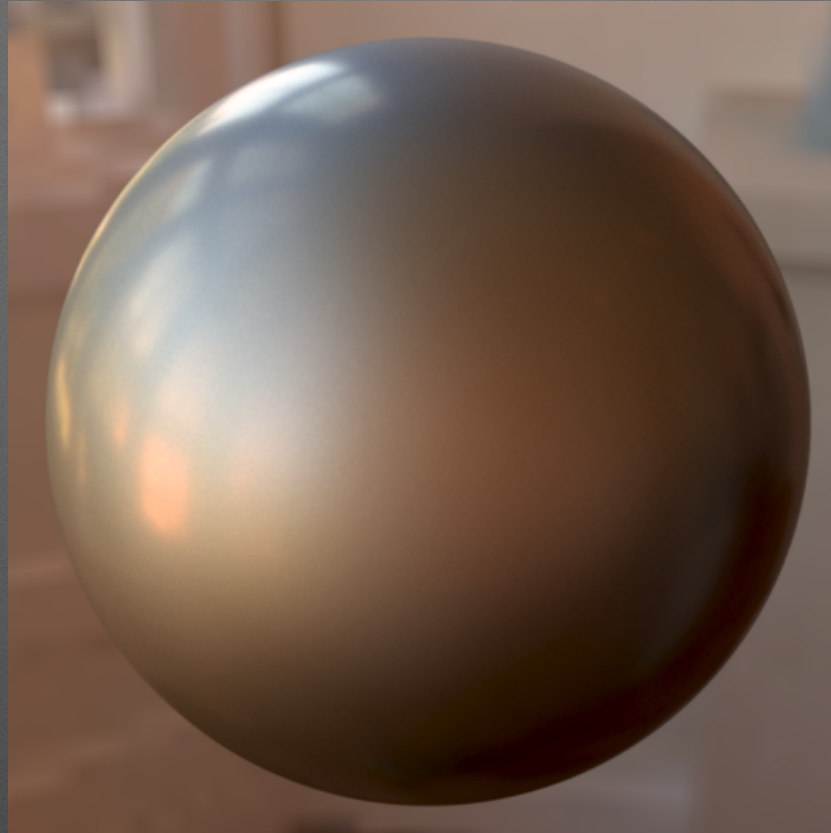
$$\sigma_s \times 4, b \times 4$$



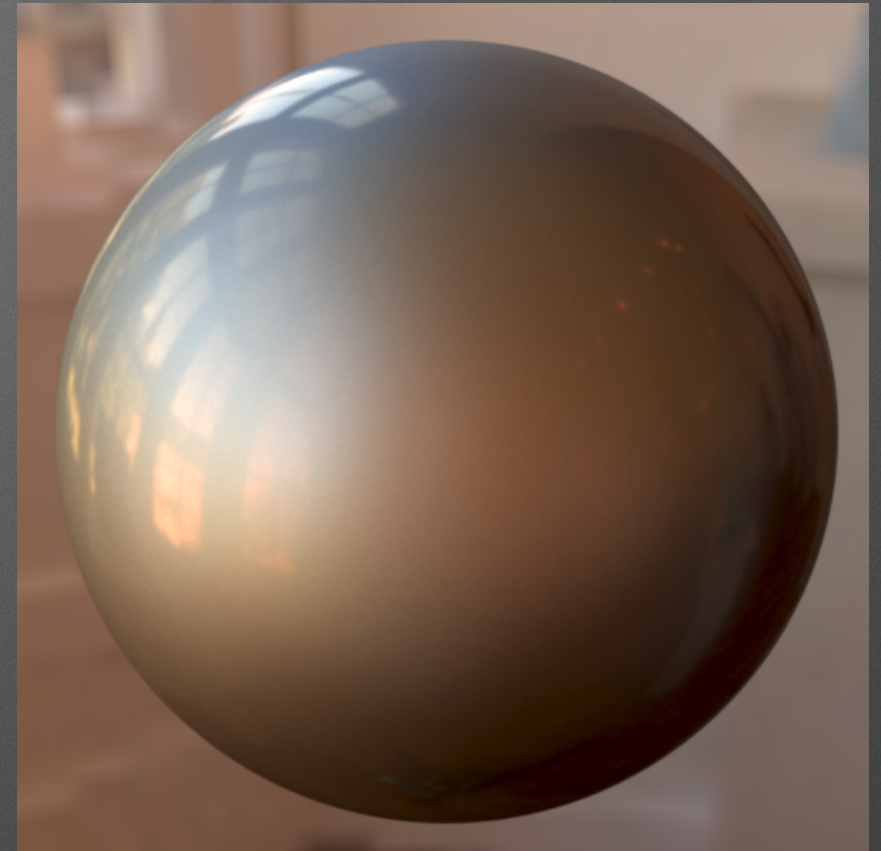
# Specular Lobe Behavior



$$\beta \times 4$$



$$\beta \times 1$$

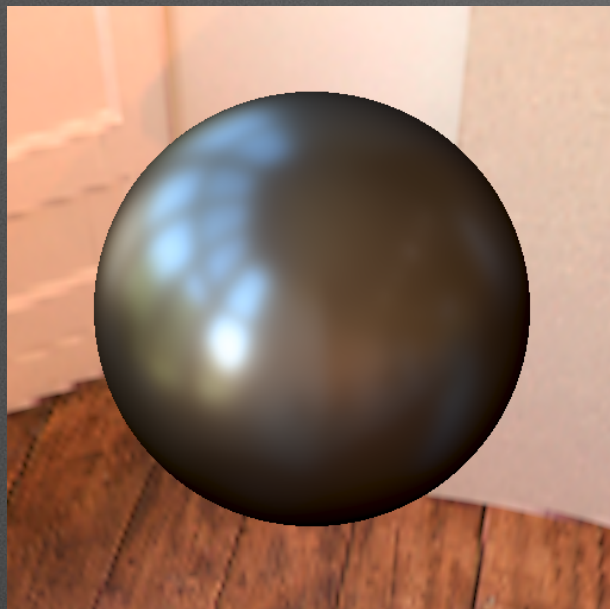


$$\beta / 4$$

**Diffraction parameters remain unchanged**



# Comparison for Nickel



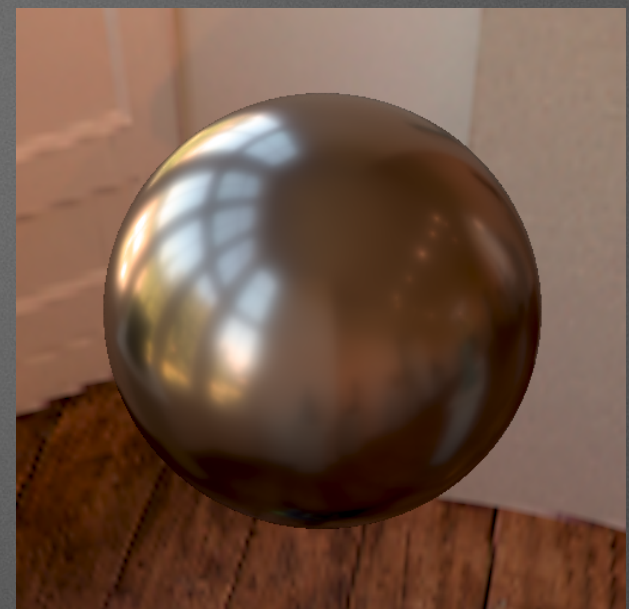
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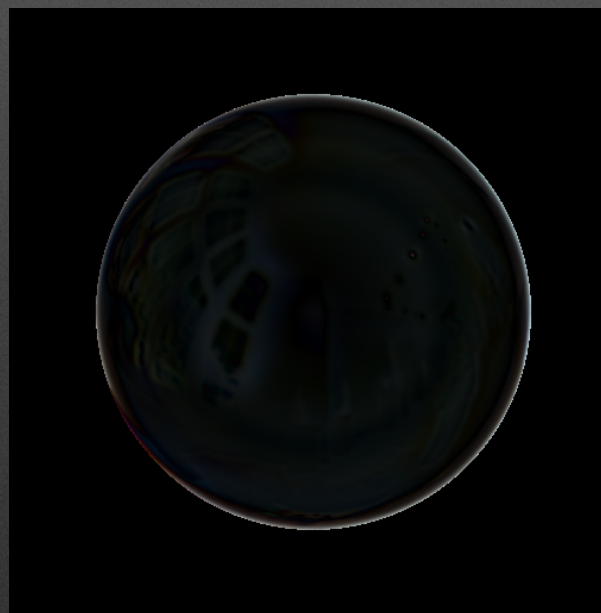


Microfacet

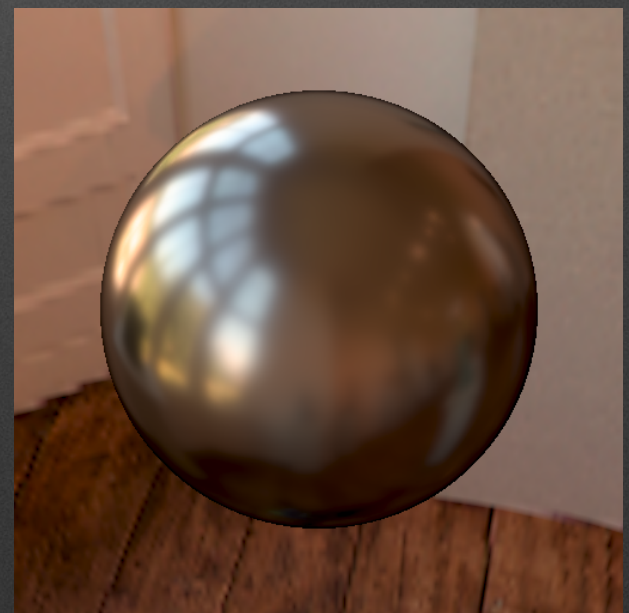
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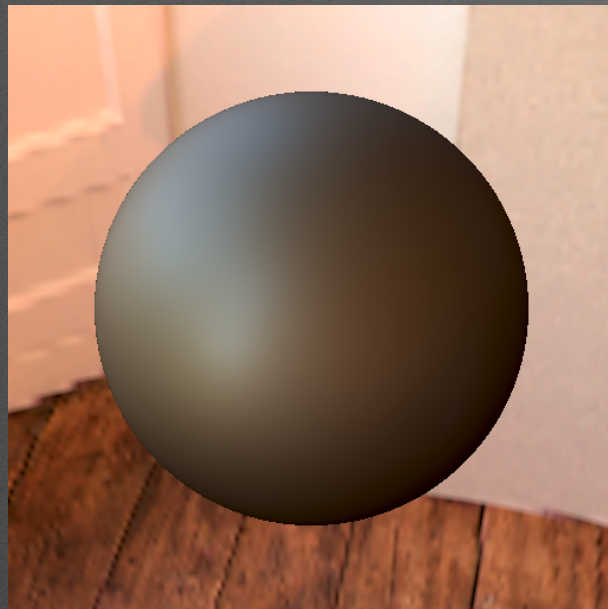
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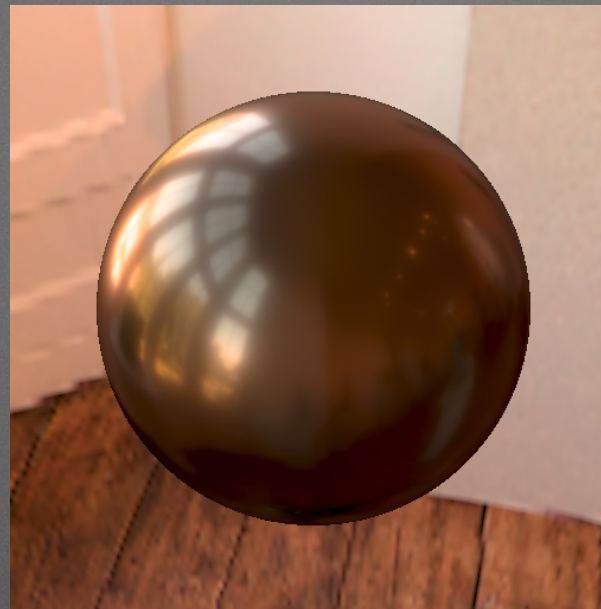


# Comparison for Alum-Bronze



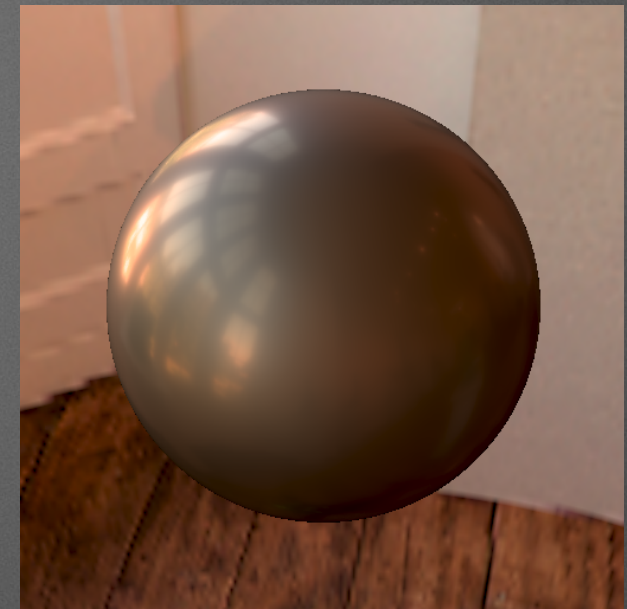
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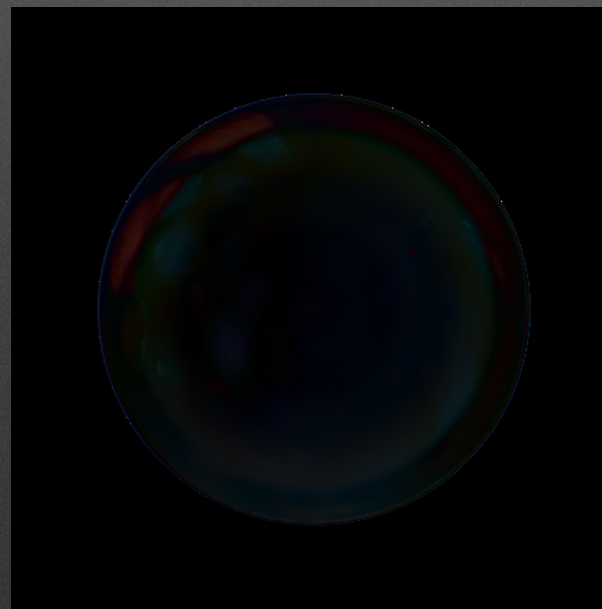


Microfacet

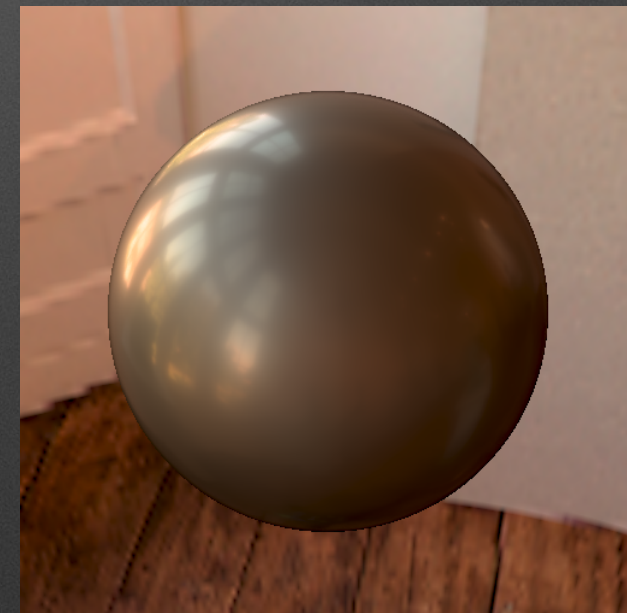
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Model



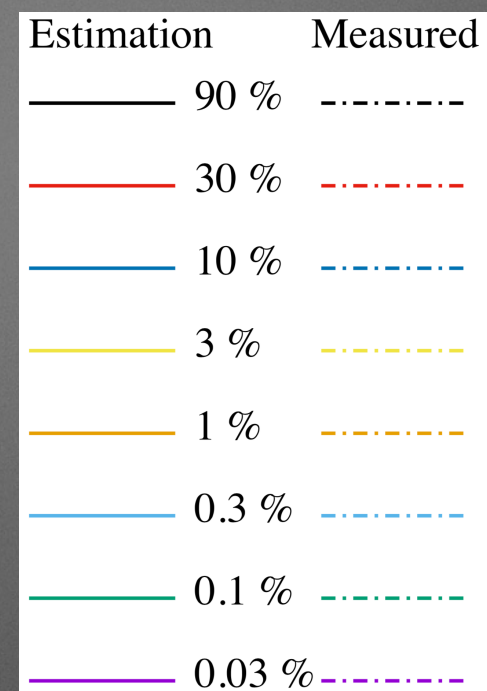
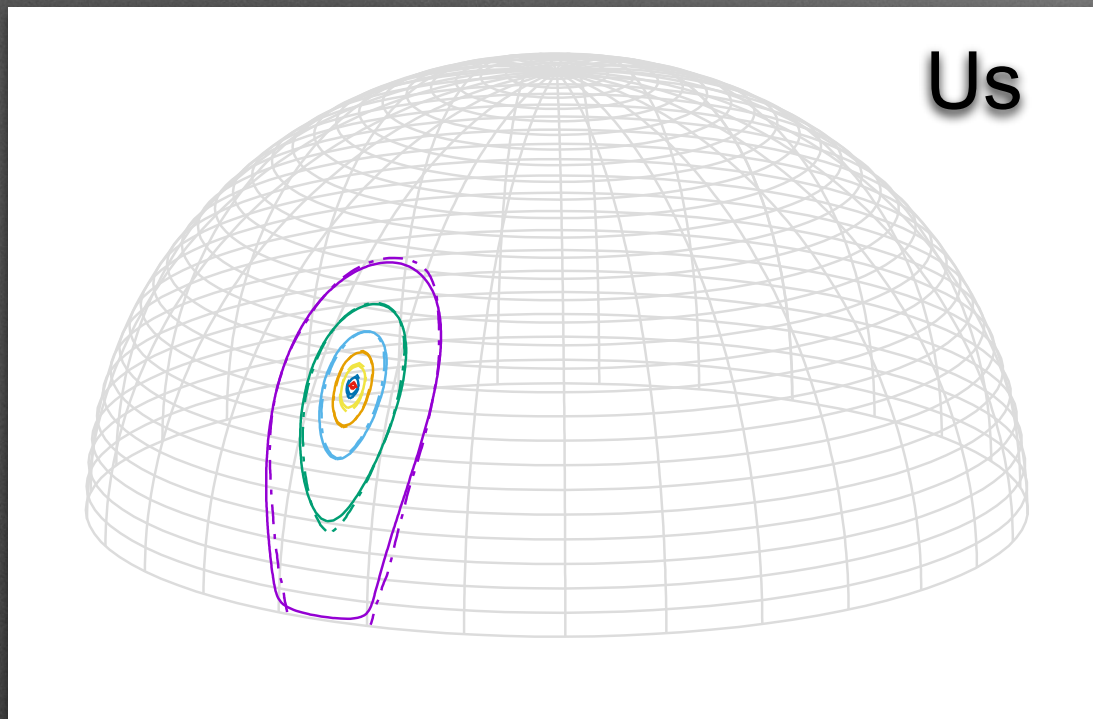
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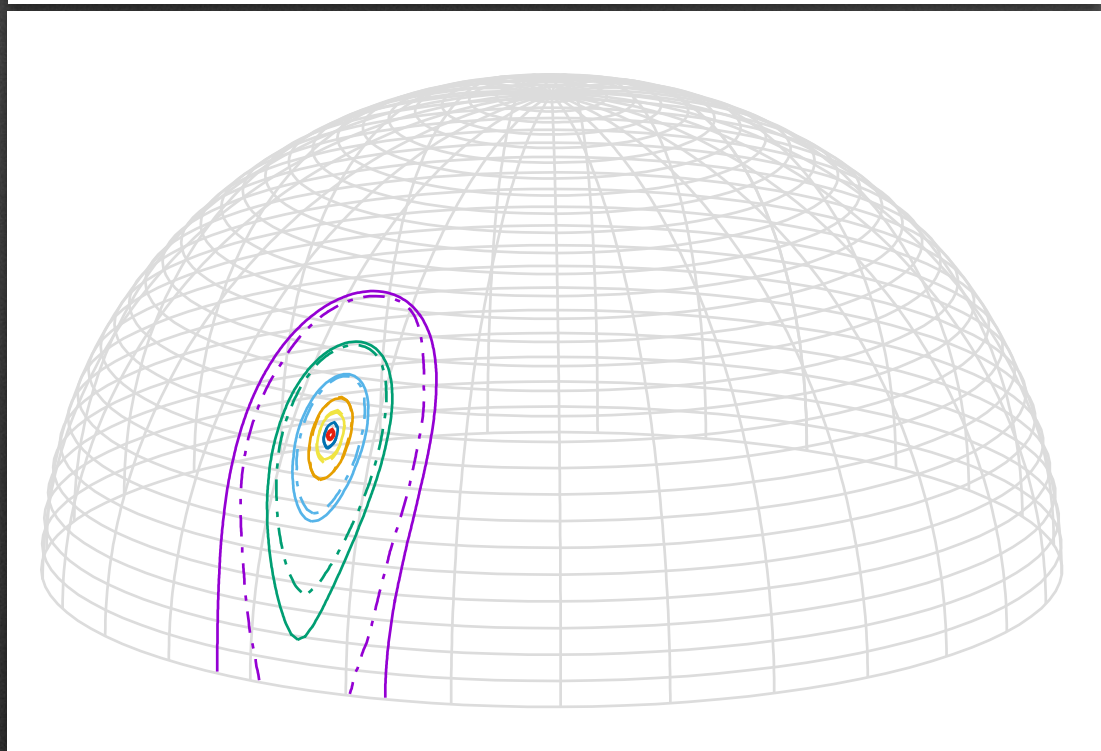
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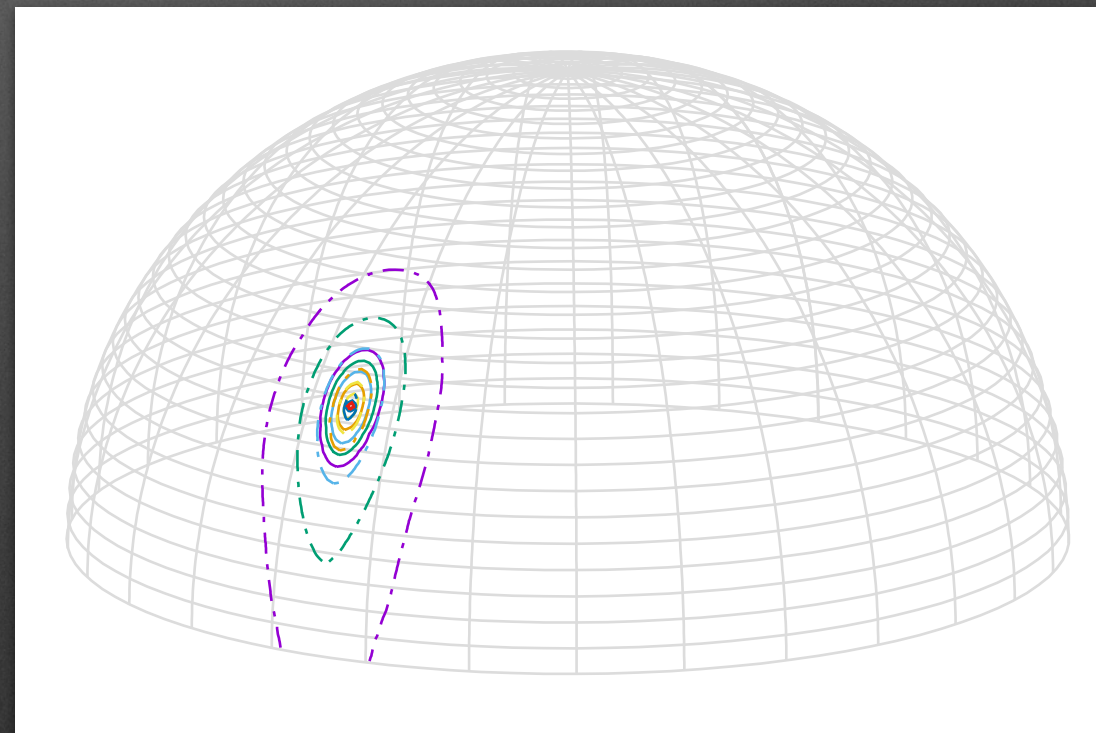
# Fitting Results **outside** the Incident Plane



blue-metallic-paint2



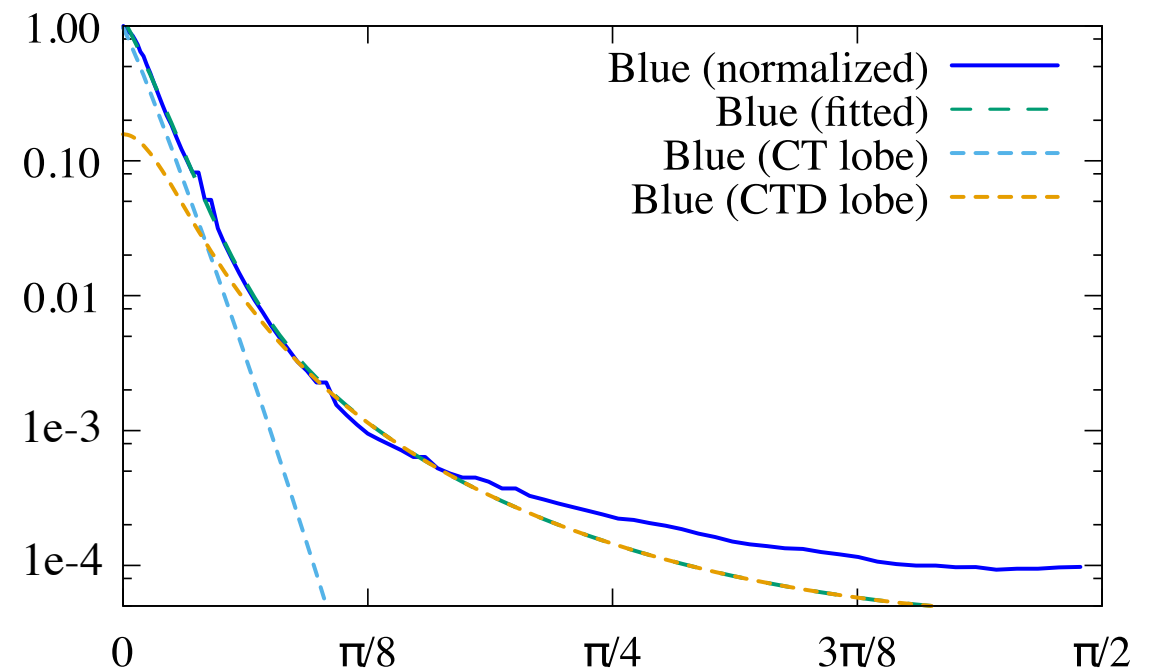
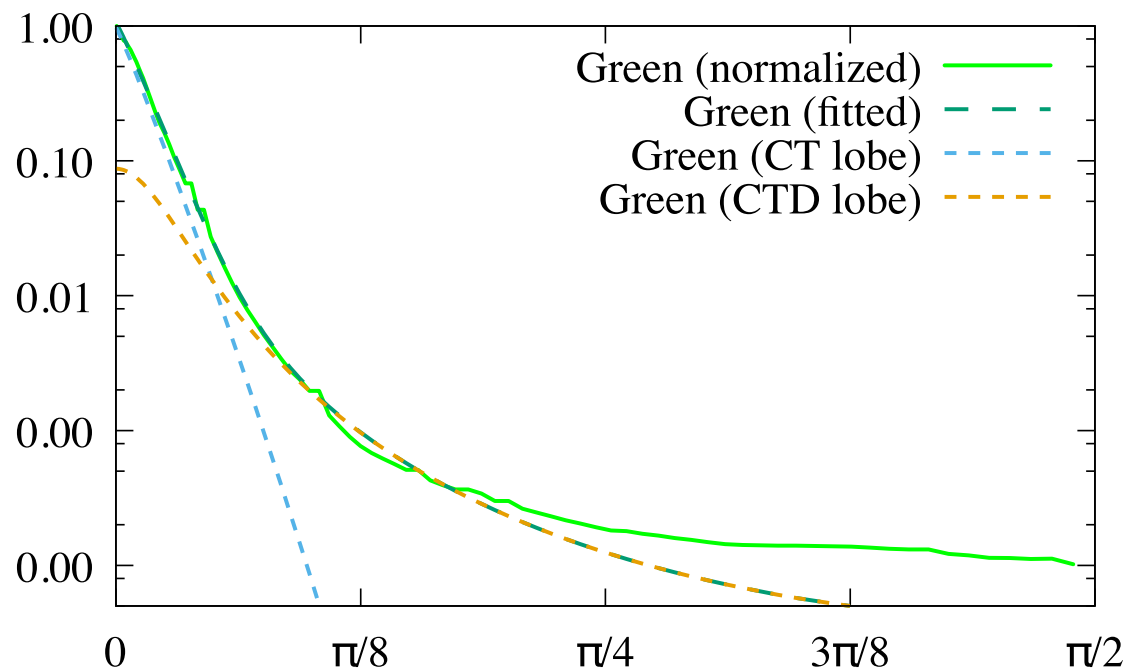
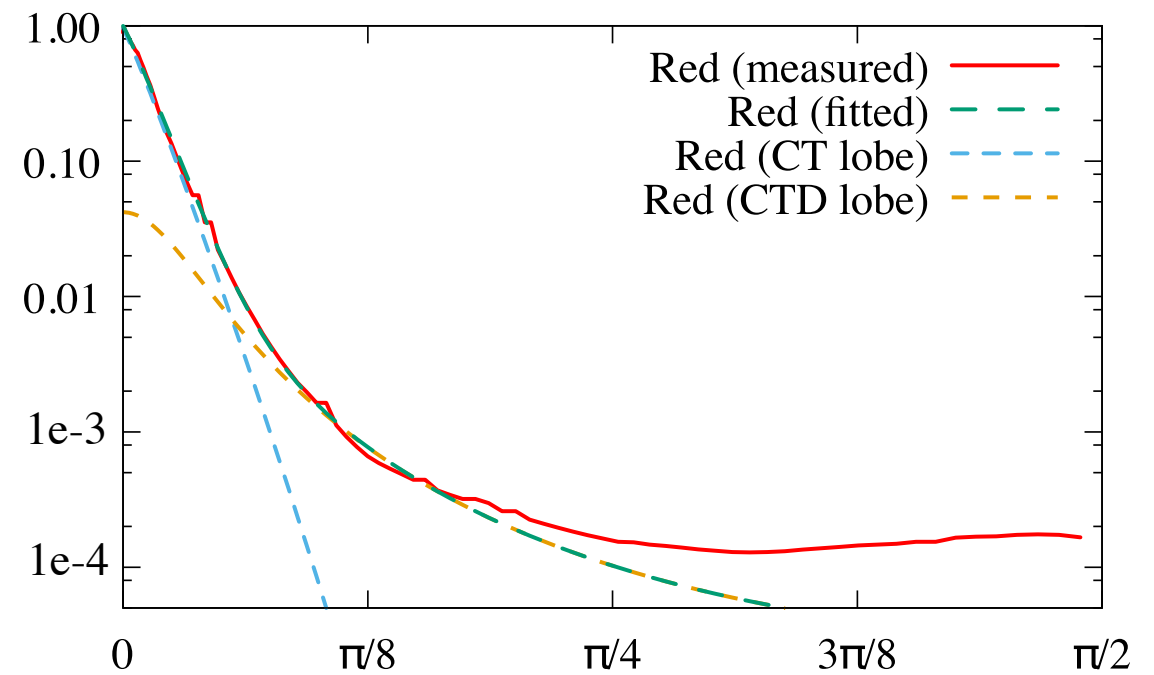
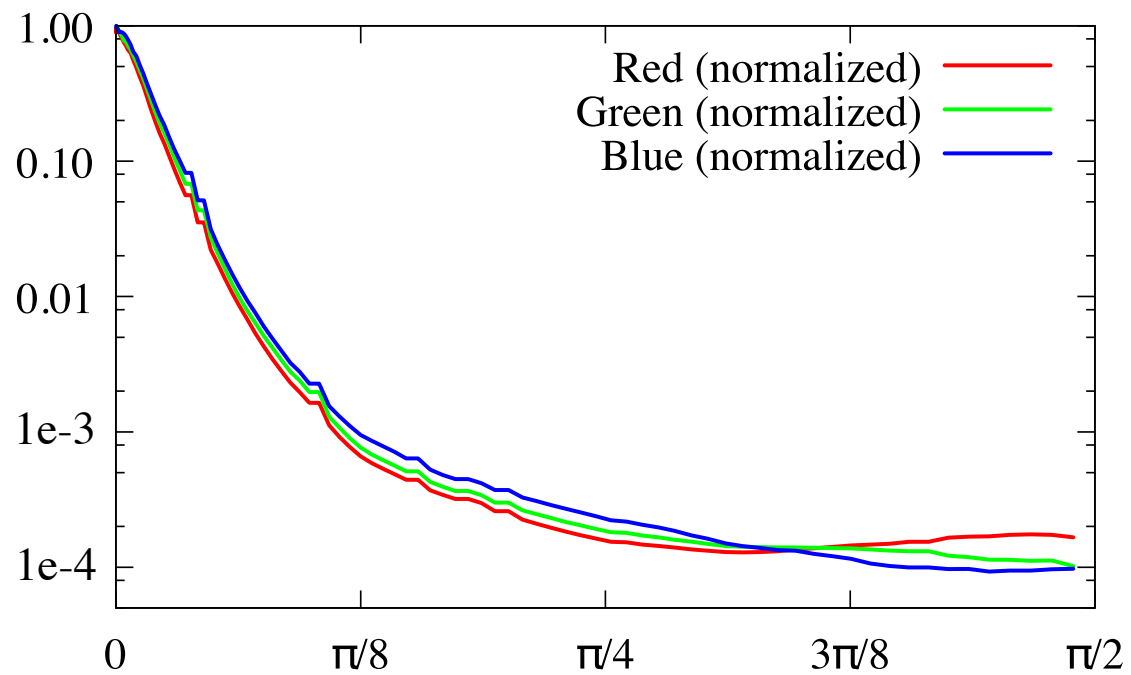
Löw et al. (diffraction only)



SGD (microfacet only)



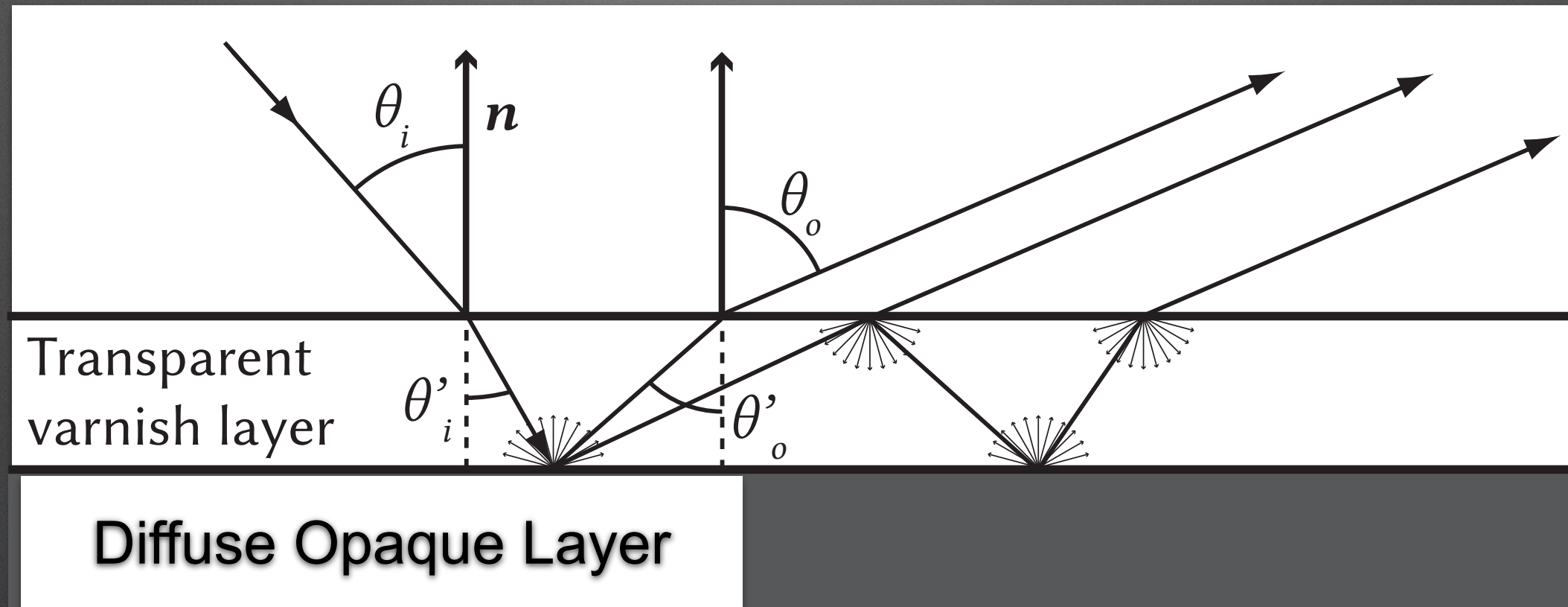
# Lobe width variation





# Extension for Plastic Material

$$\rho_{plastic}(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o}) = \rho_{conductor}(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o}) + \rho_{diffuse}(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o})$$



- Diffuse Part: Model from [Weidlich et Wilkie 2007]
- Conductor Part: Real Index of Refraction



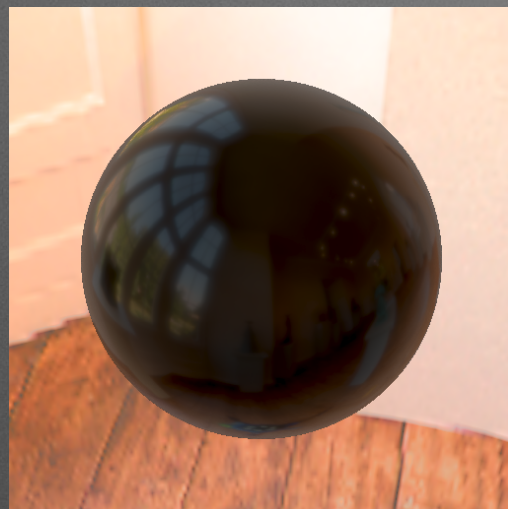
# Results for Plastic Model

- Varnish on a diffuse surface:



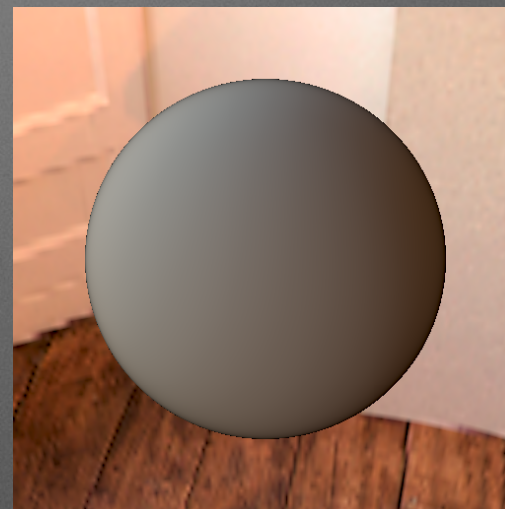
Diffraction

+



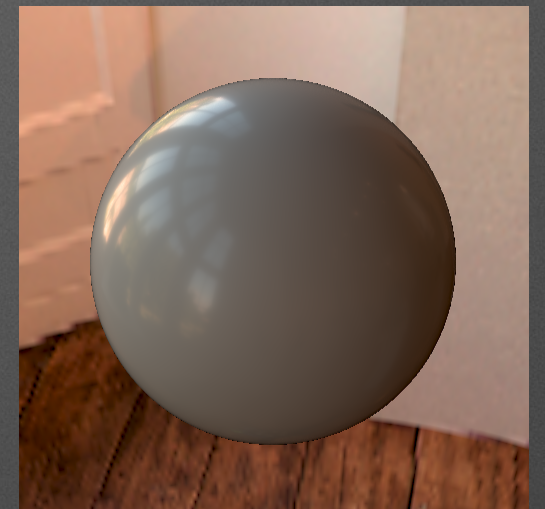
Microfacet

+



Diffuse

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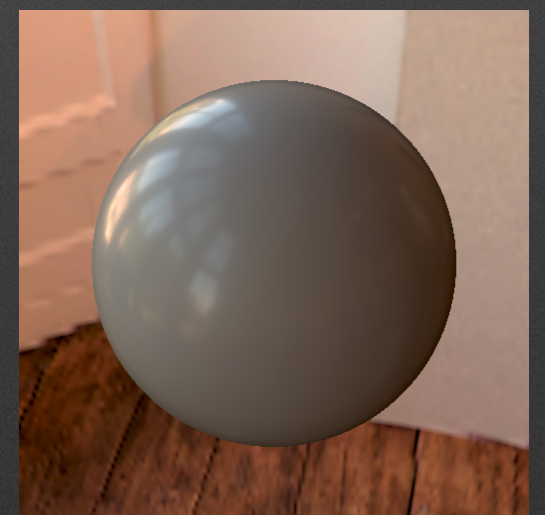


Model

Gray-Plastic Material



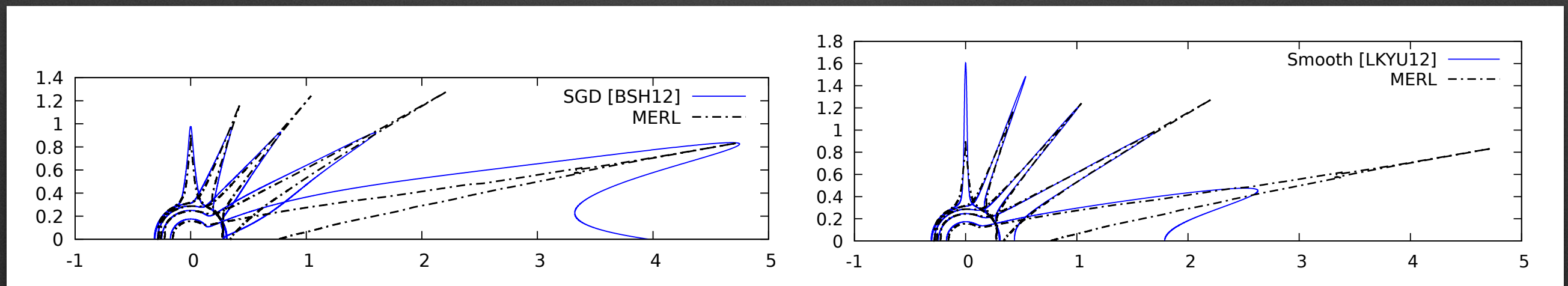
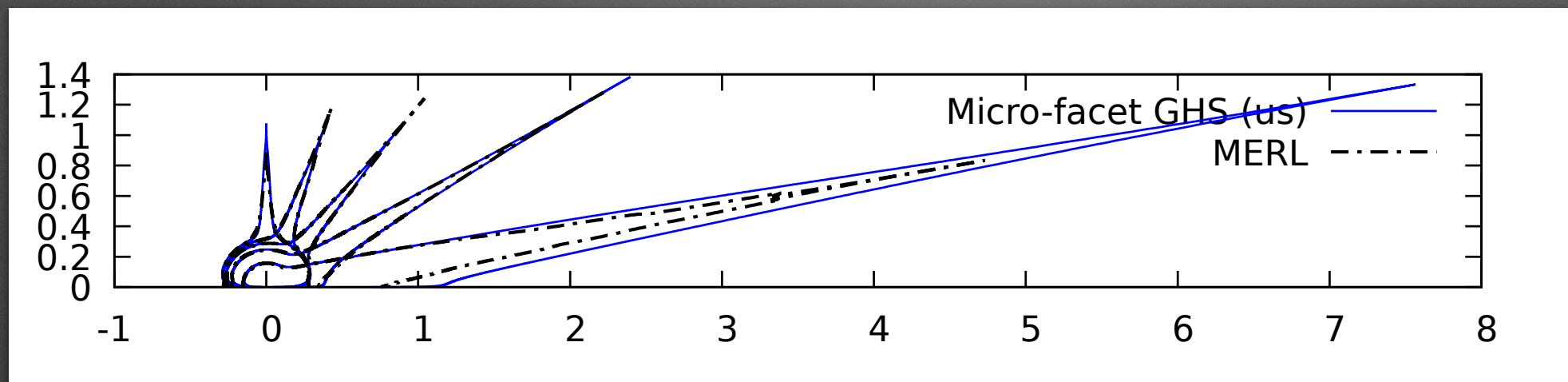
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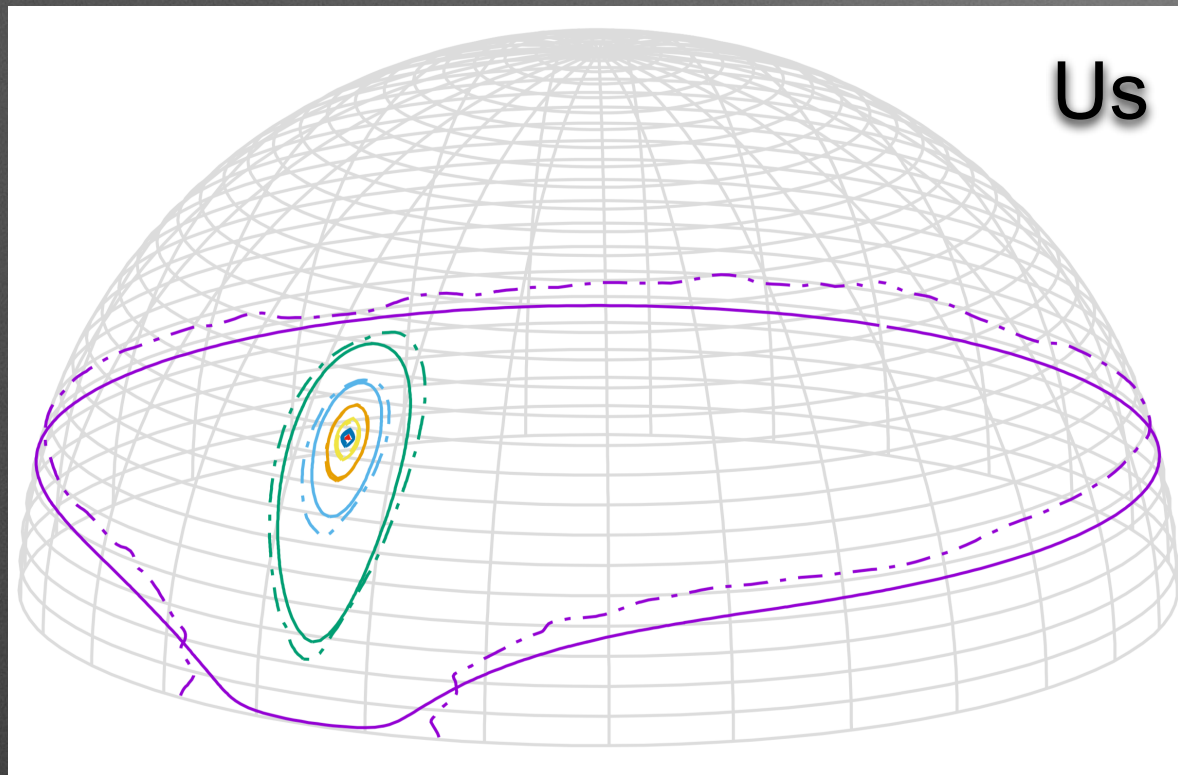


# Fitting Results in Incident Plane





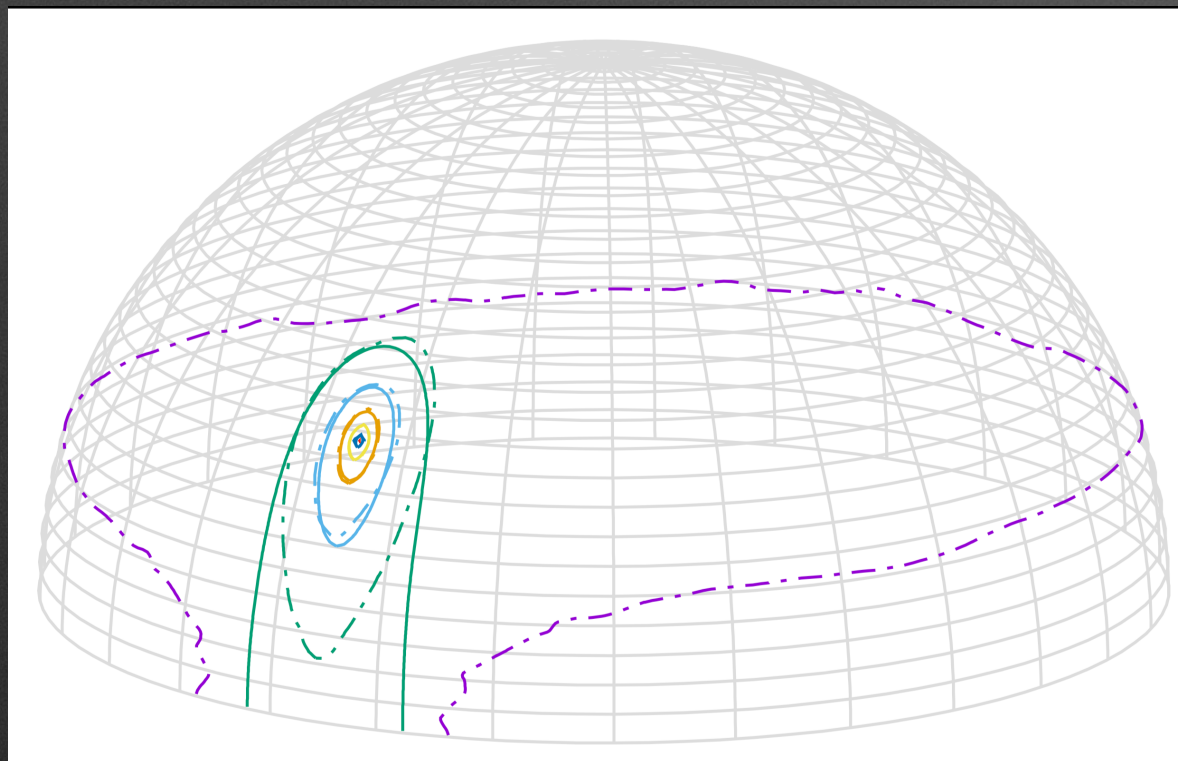
# Fitting Results **outside** Incident Plane



Our Model



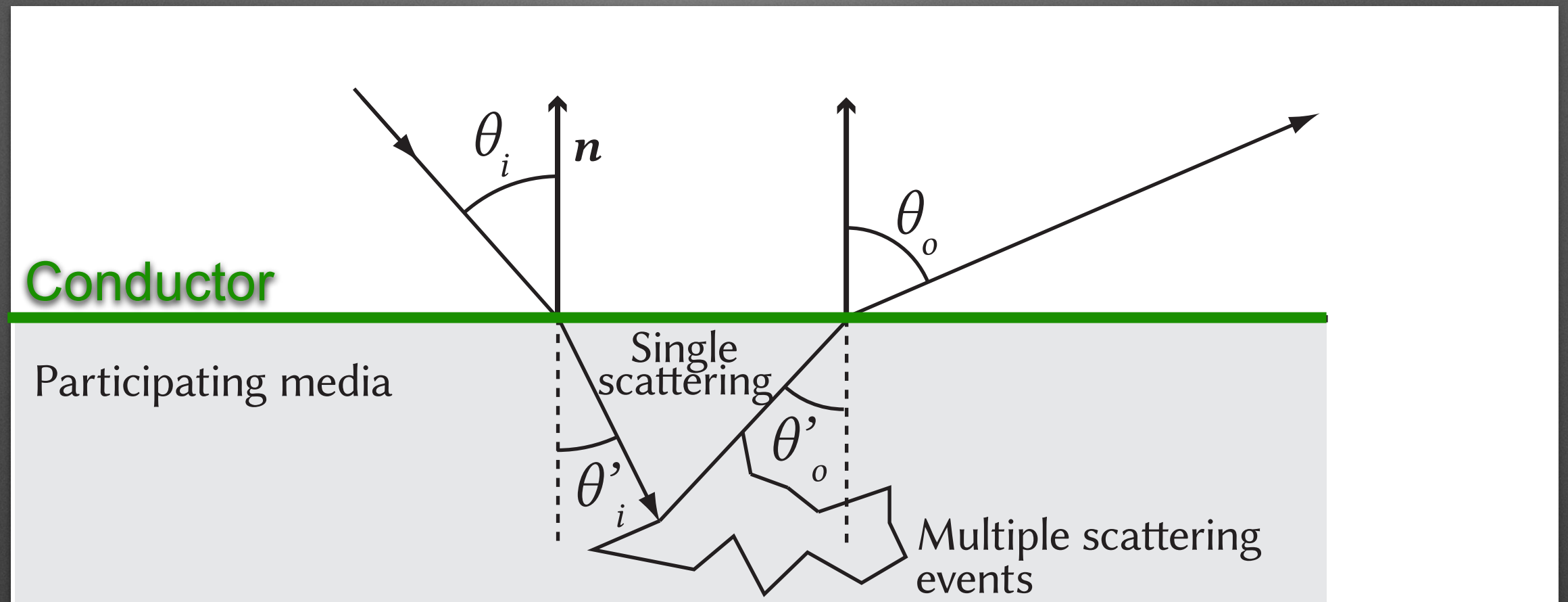
Gray-plastic



Löw et al. (diffraction only)



# Two-Layer Model for Subsurface



$$\rho_{subsurface}(i, o) = \rho_{conductor}(i, o) + \underbrace{\rho_{single}(i, o) + \rho_{multi}(i, o)}$$

Subsurface Model from Jensen et al. Sigg. 2001

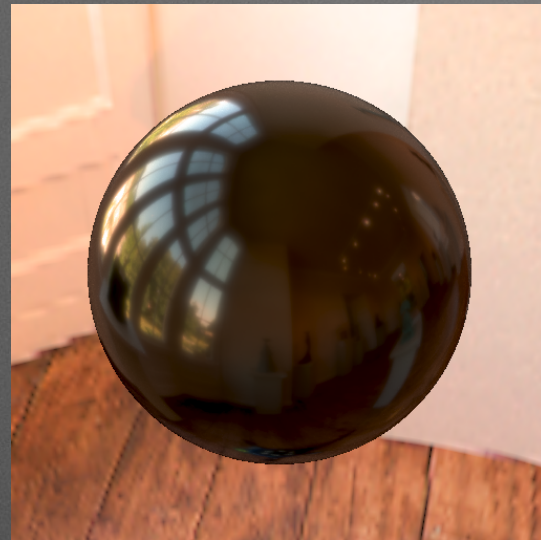


# Result for Subsurface Model



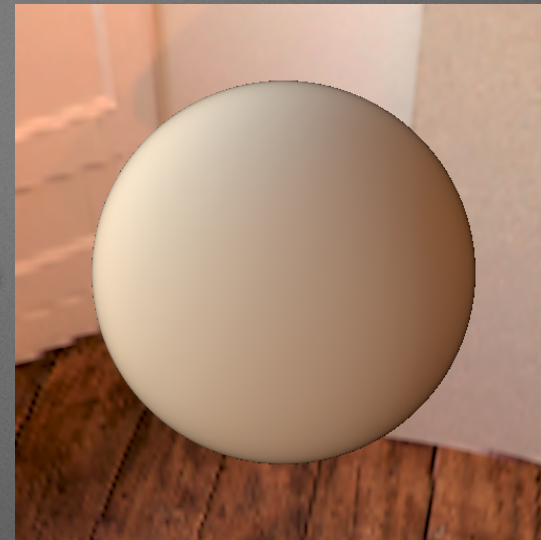
Diffraction

+



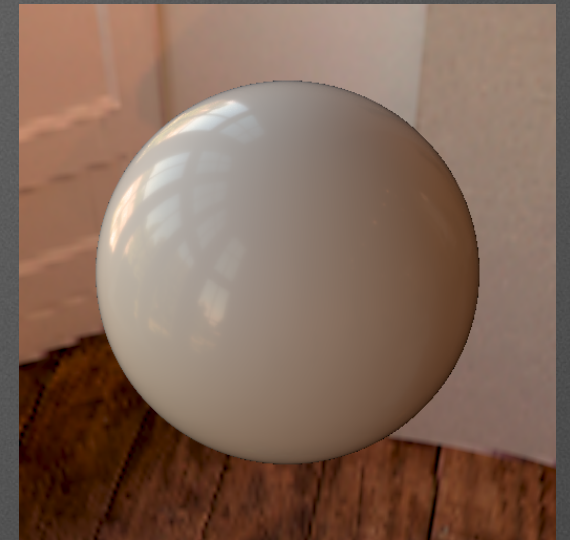
Microfacet

+



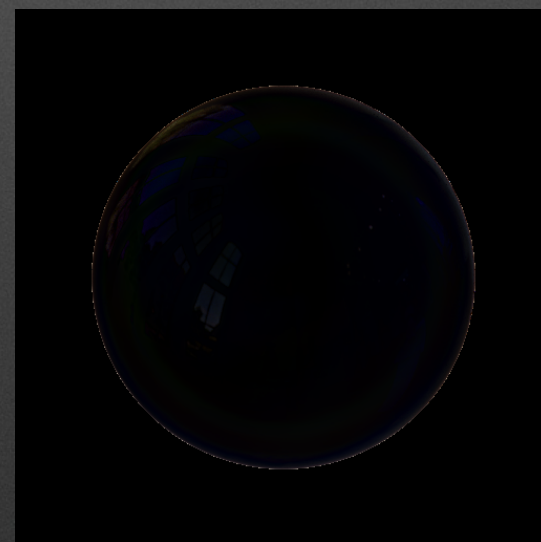
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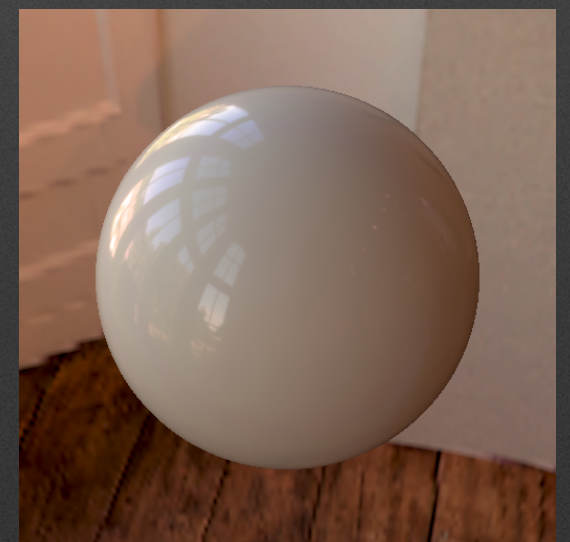


Model

Alumina-oxide Material



Difference

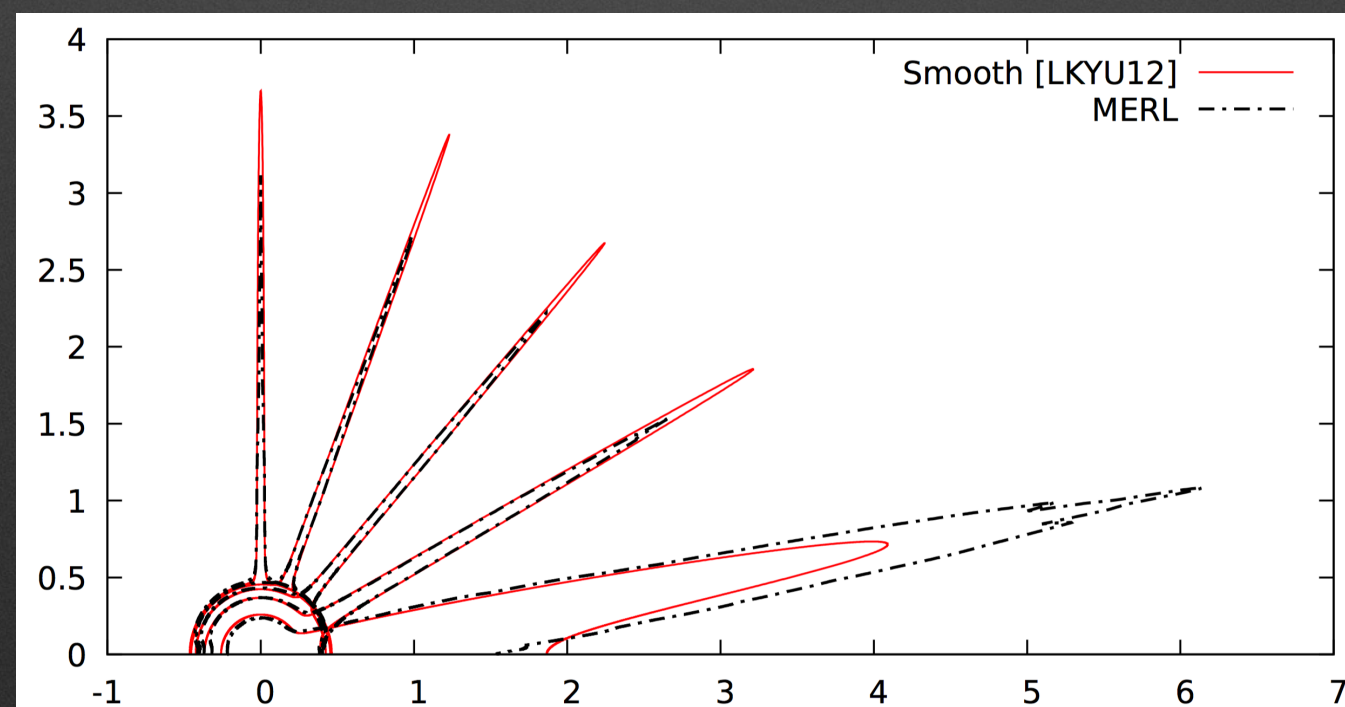
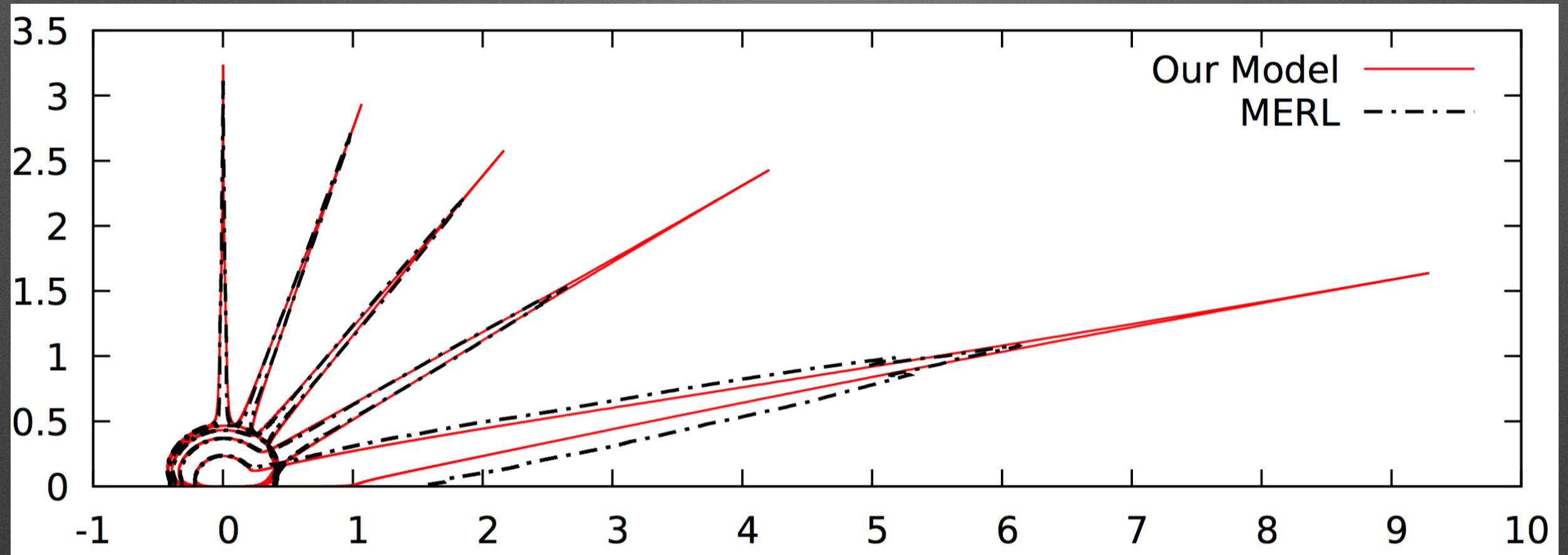


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# Result for Subsurface Model

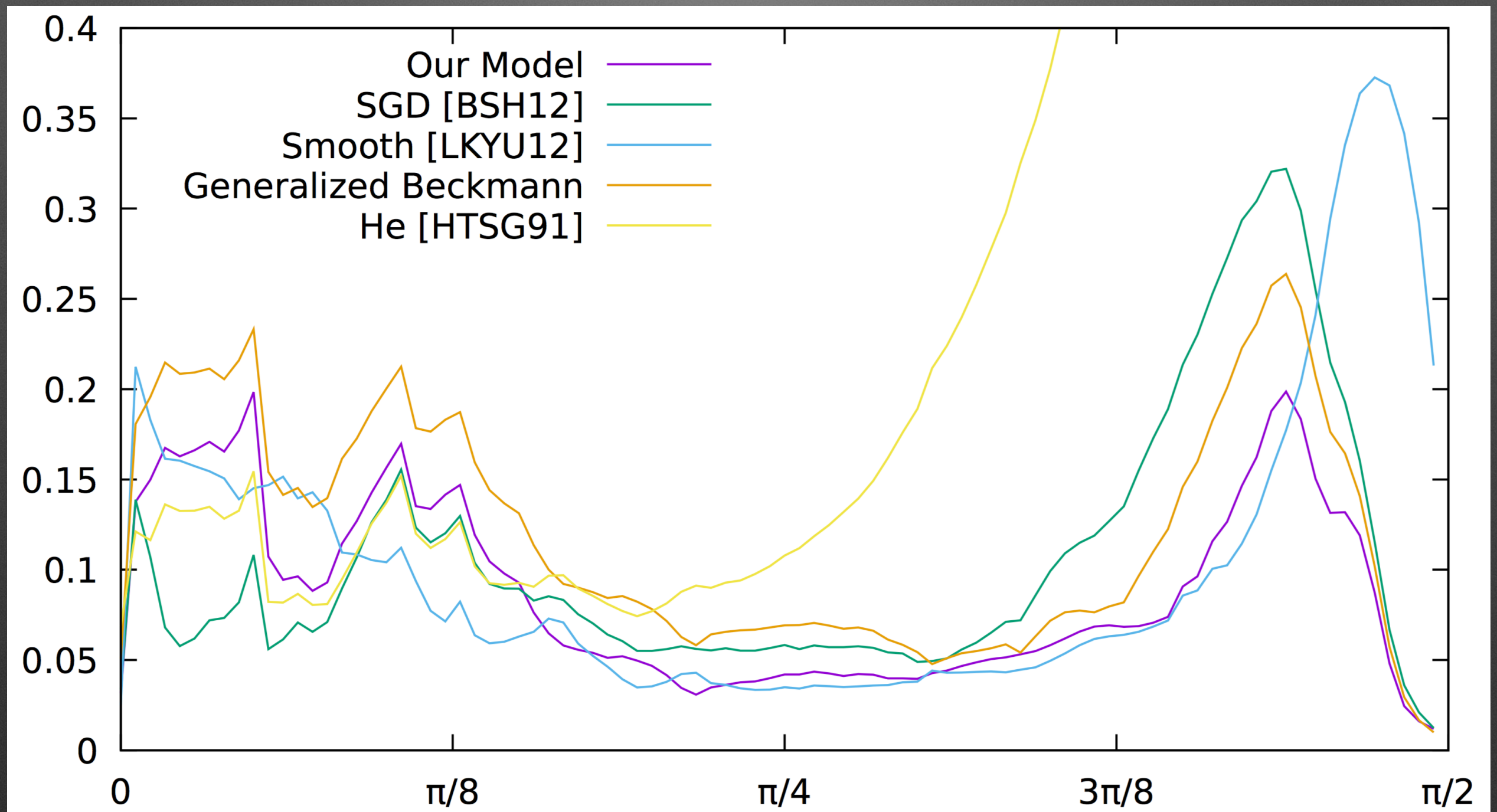
## ALUMINA-OXYDE





# Result for Subsurface Model

ALUMINA-OXYDE



RMS Error of BRDF \* cosine

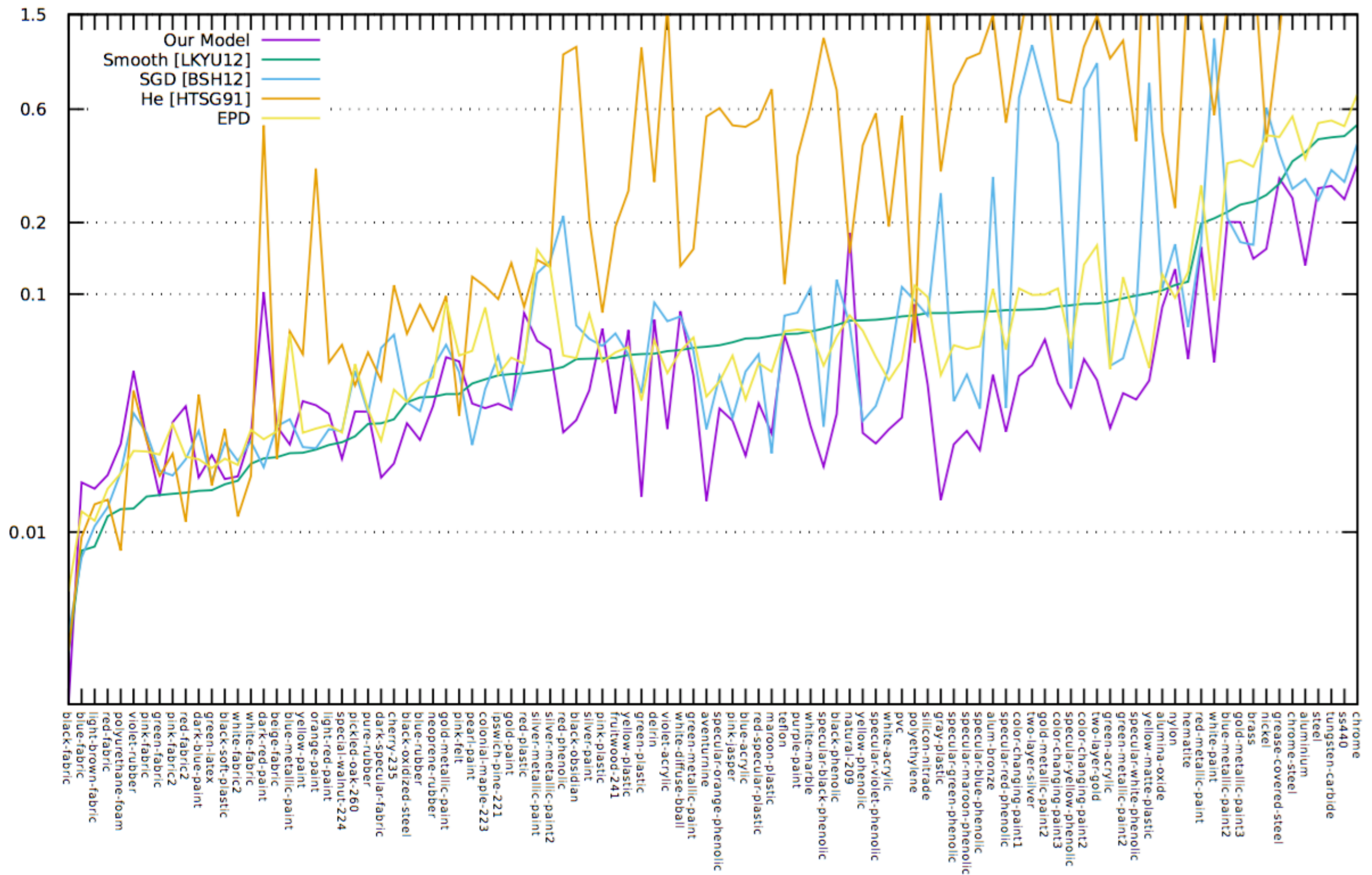


# Fitting Strategy

- Similar to Bagher et al. 2016
  - Compressive Weights  $\Leftrightarrow$  less weight on high values
  - Measurement Apparatus Compensation
- One Pass of all parameters
- Approx. 10 minutes on 2.6 GHz Intel i7
  - C++. Levenberg-Marquardt impl. Lourakis

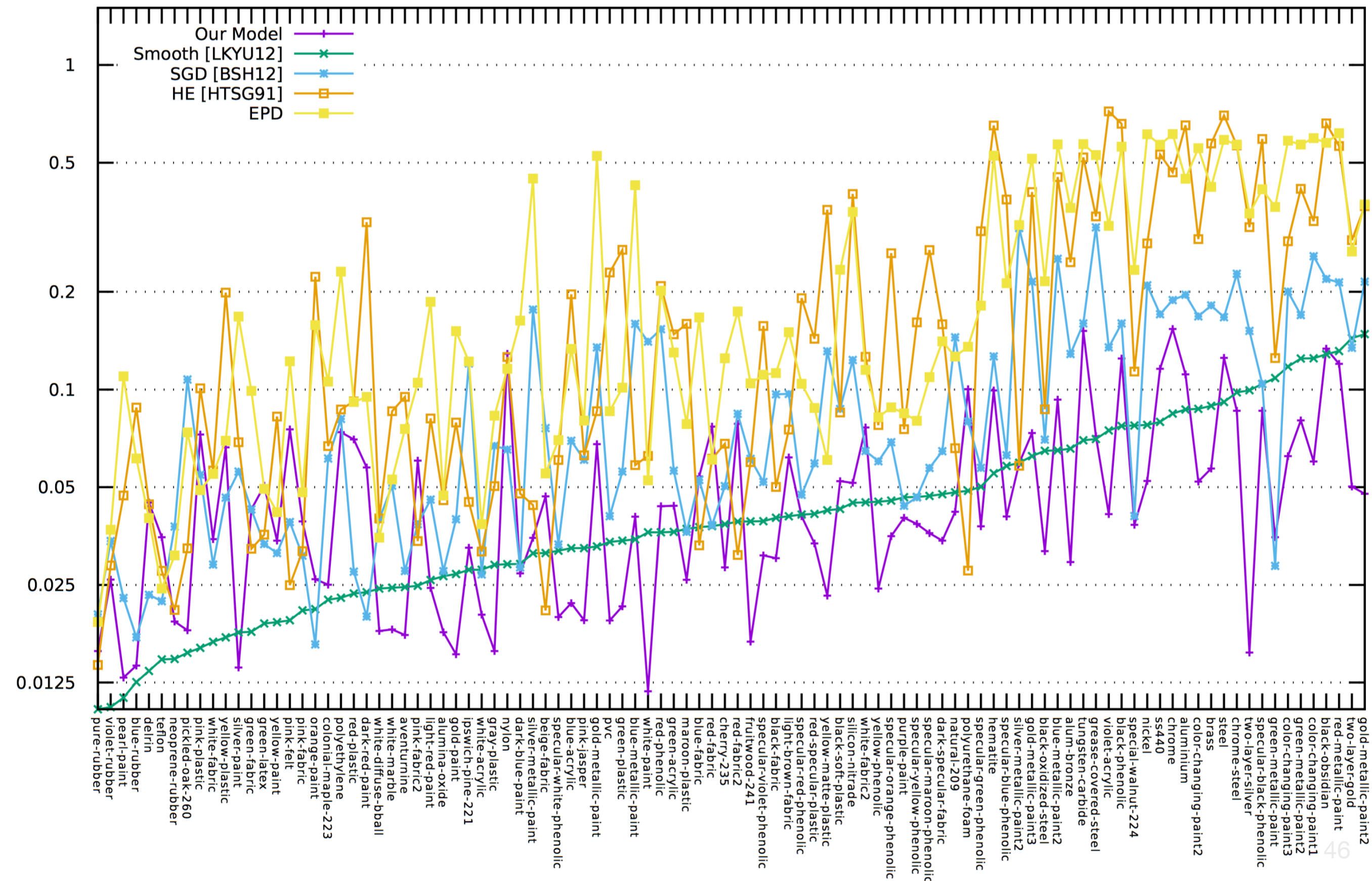


# General Fitting Comparisons



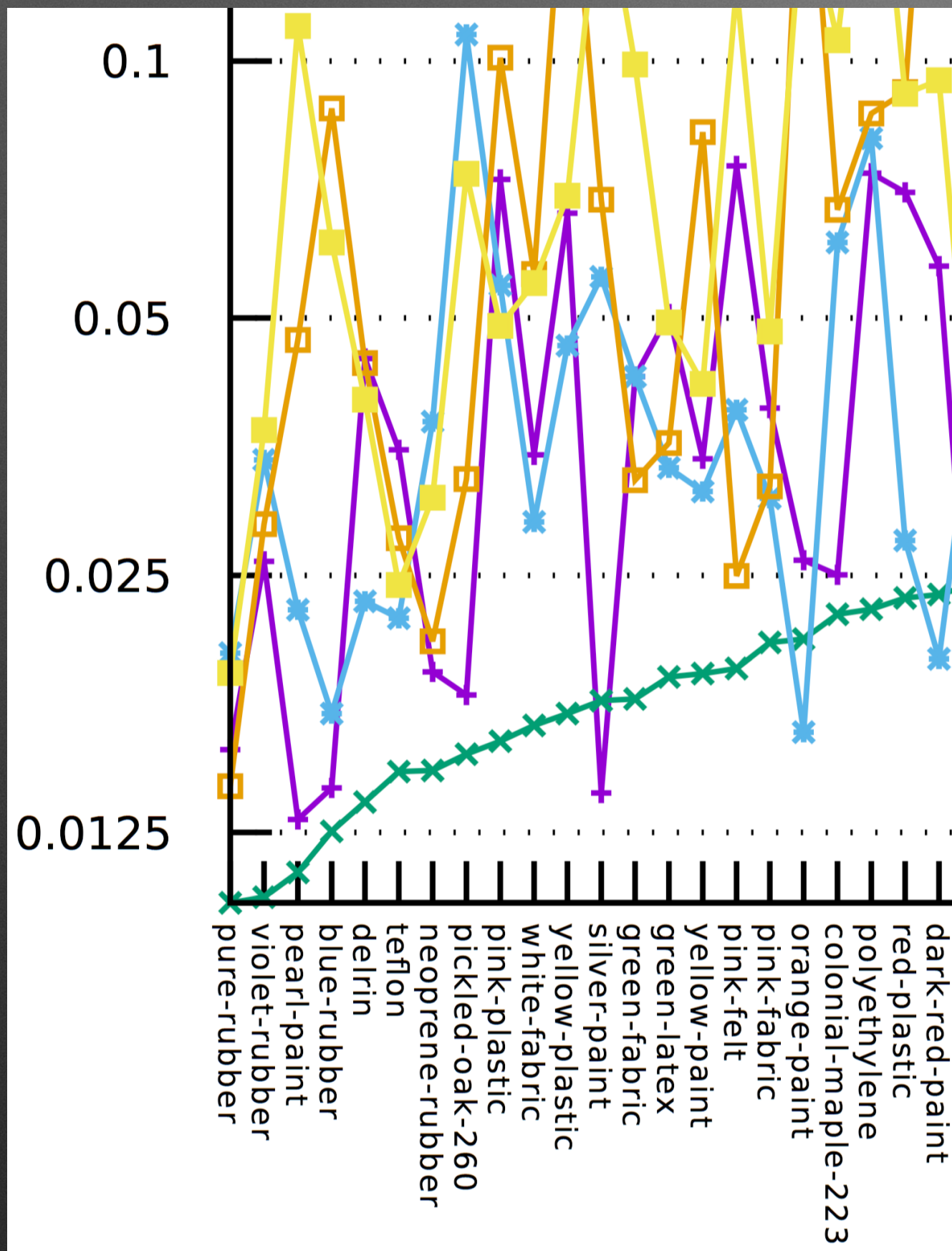


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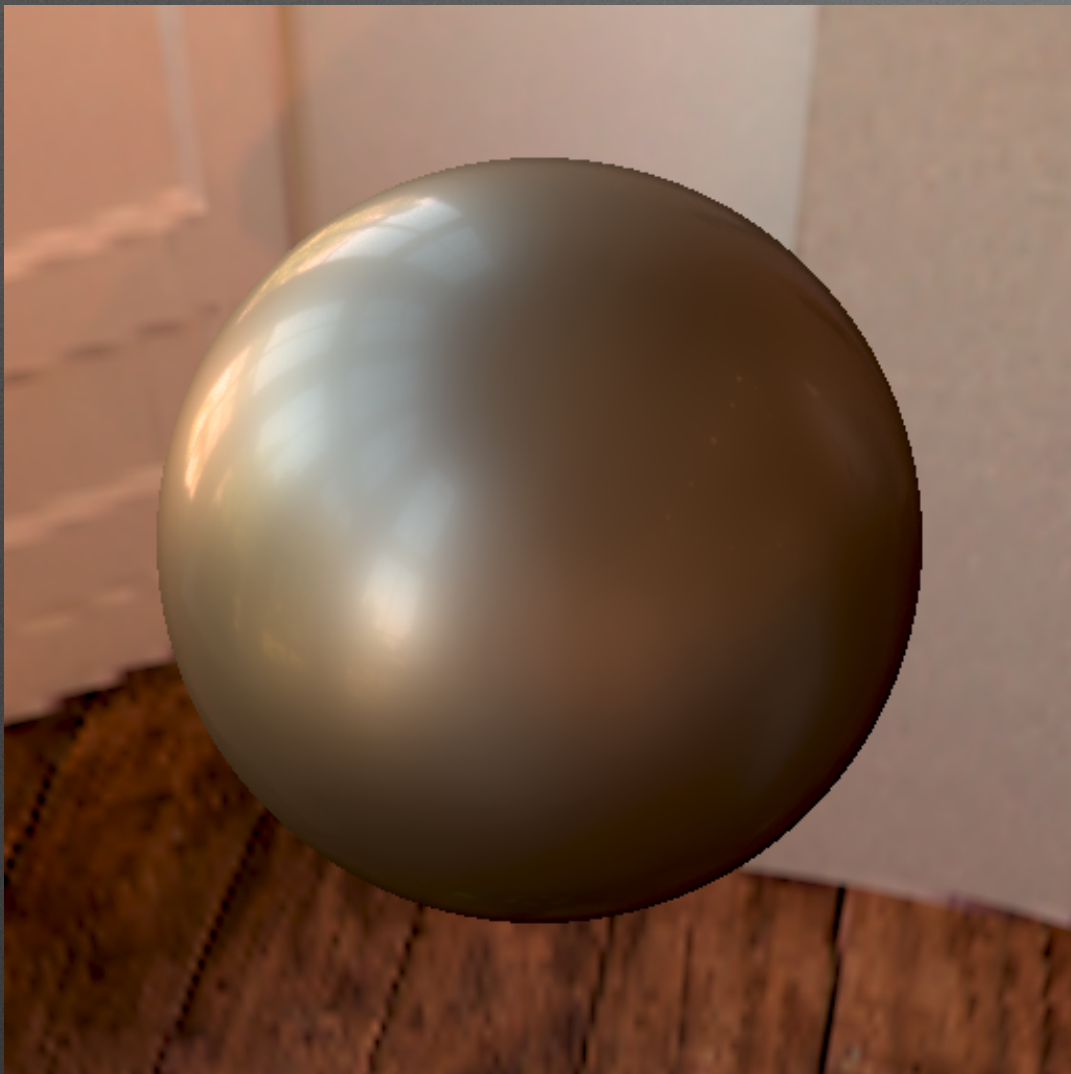
Bad Fits:

Pink Plastic

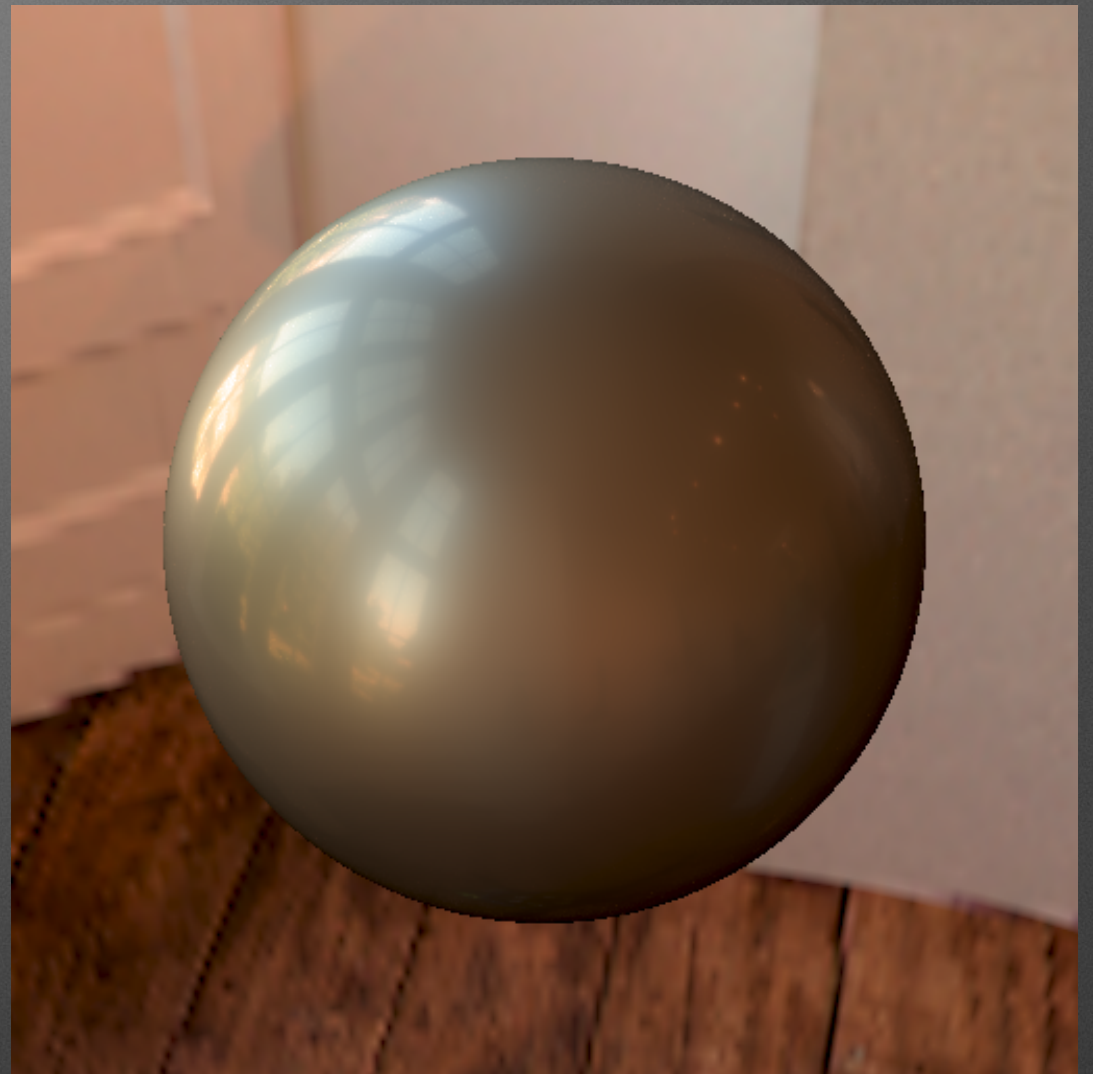
Pink Felt



# Gold-Metallic Paint 2



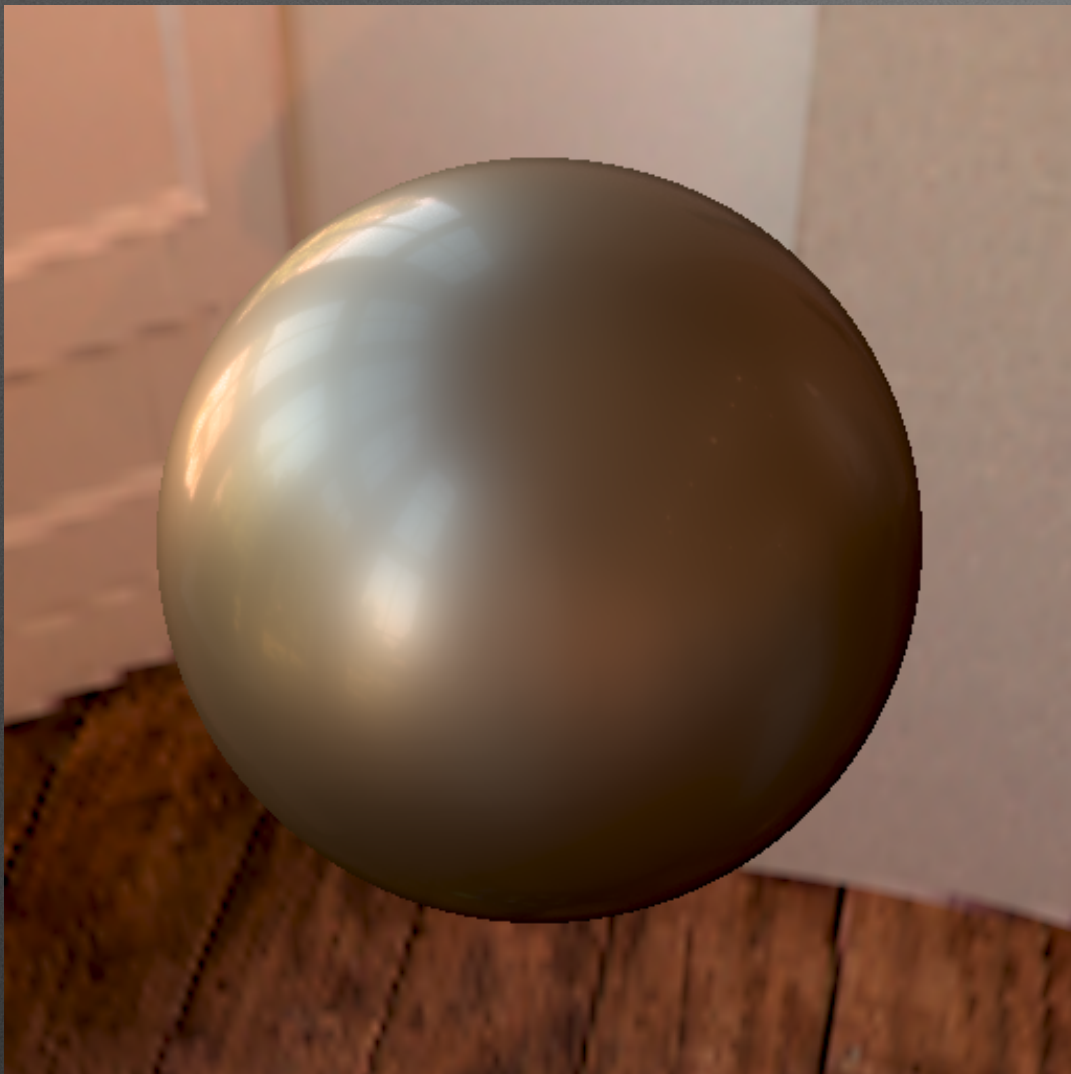
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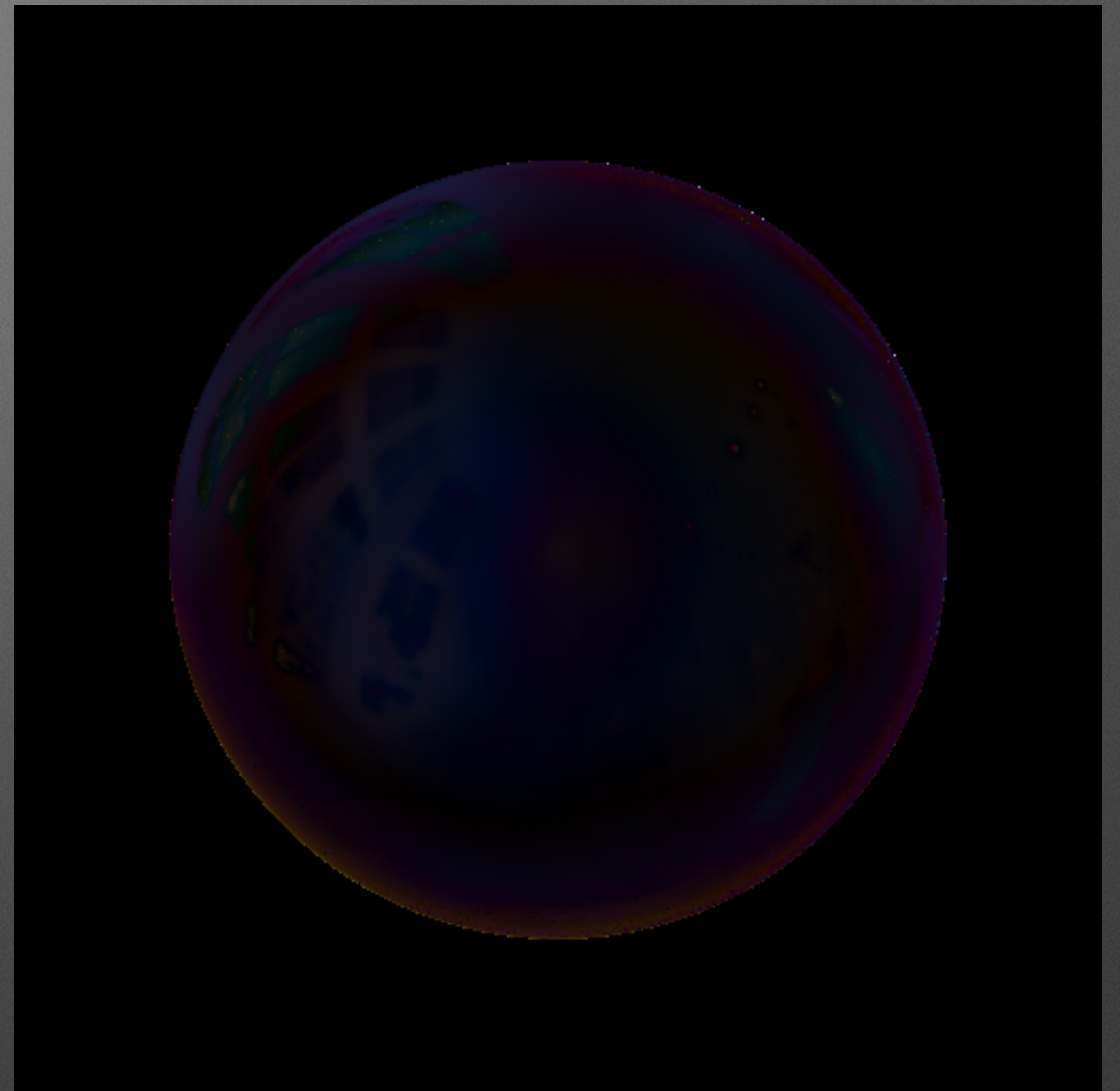
Our Model



# Gold-Metallic Paint 2



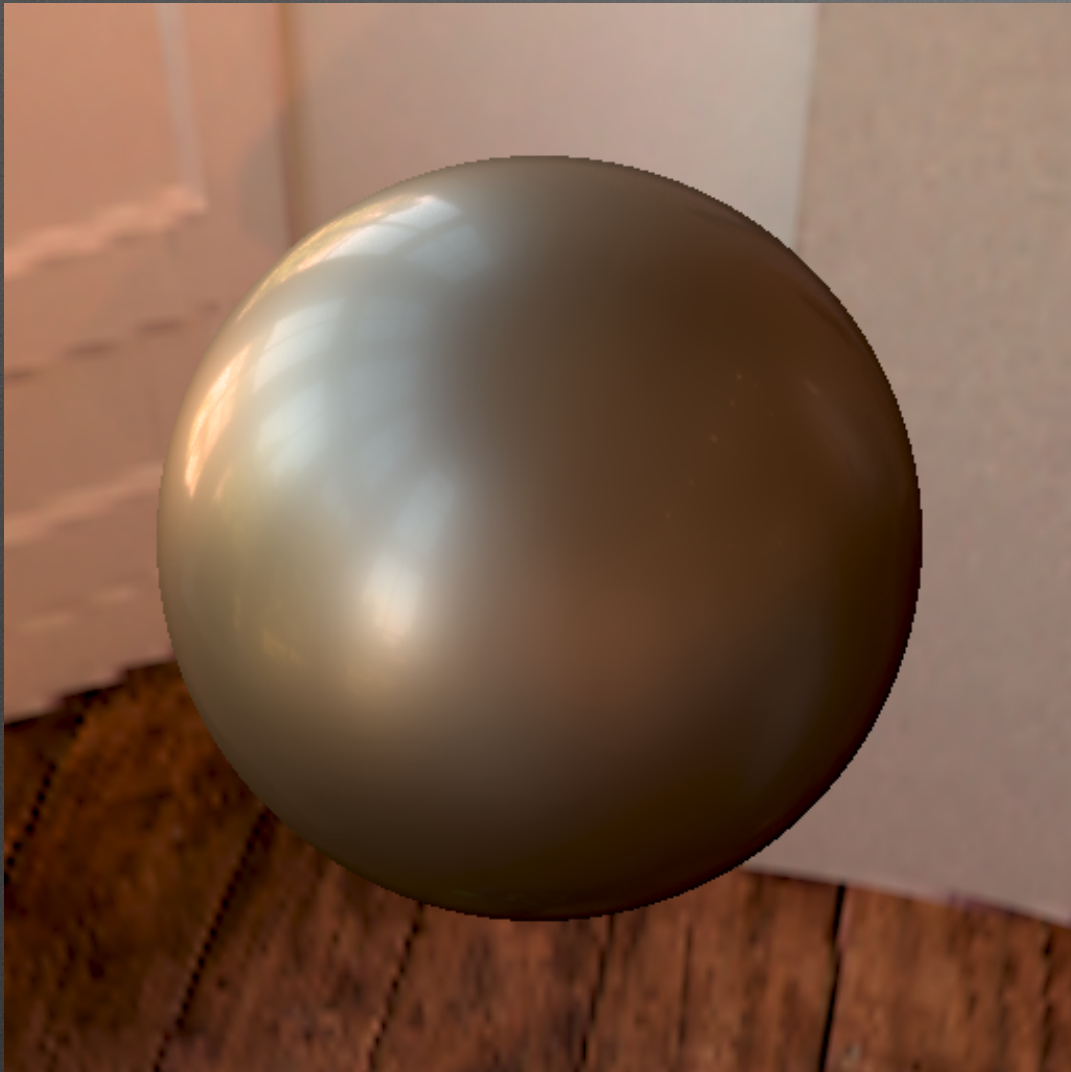
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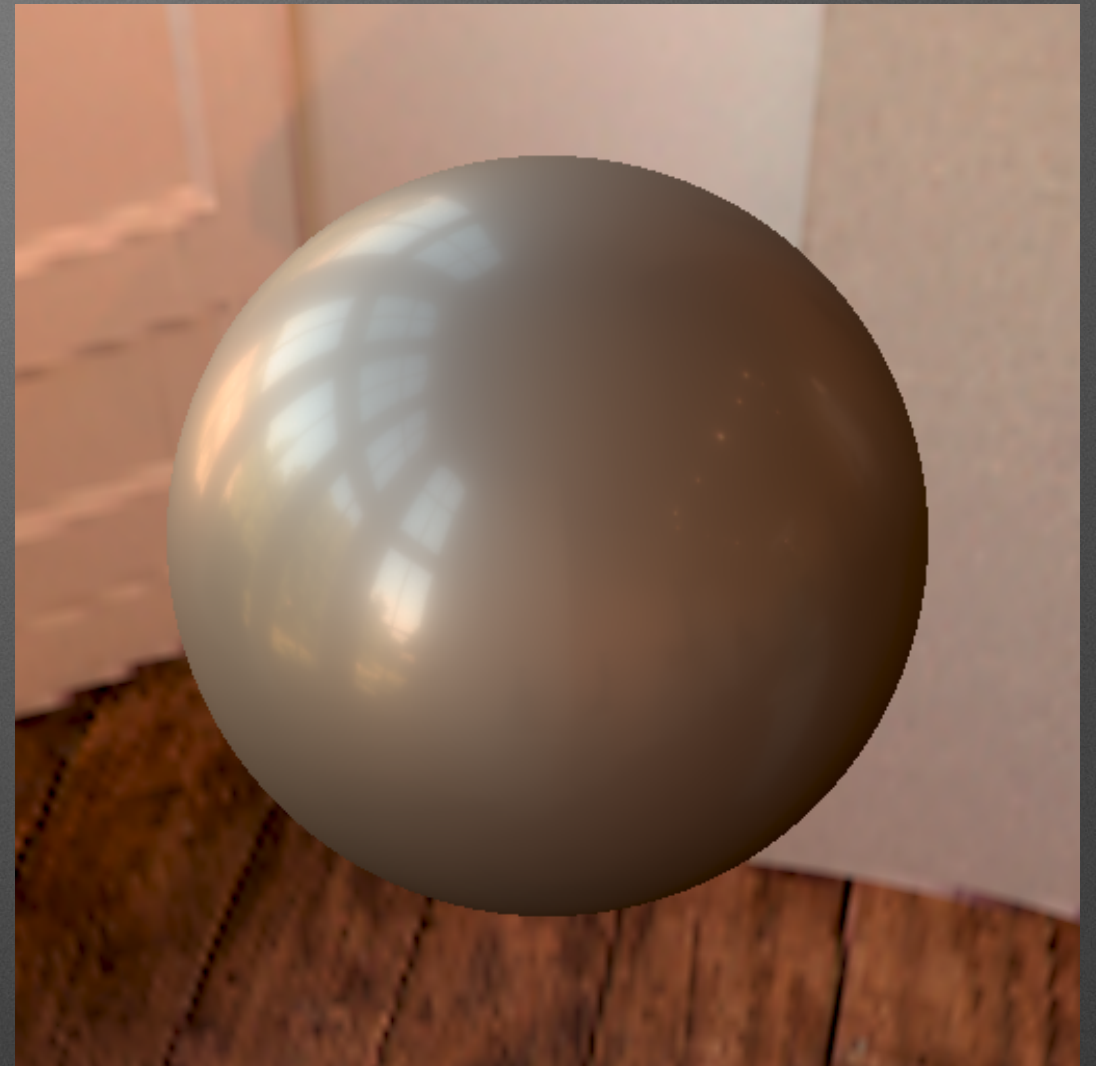
Our Model  
Difference sMAPE:0.048



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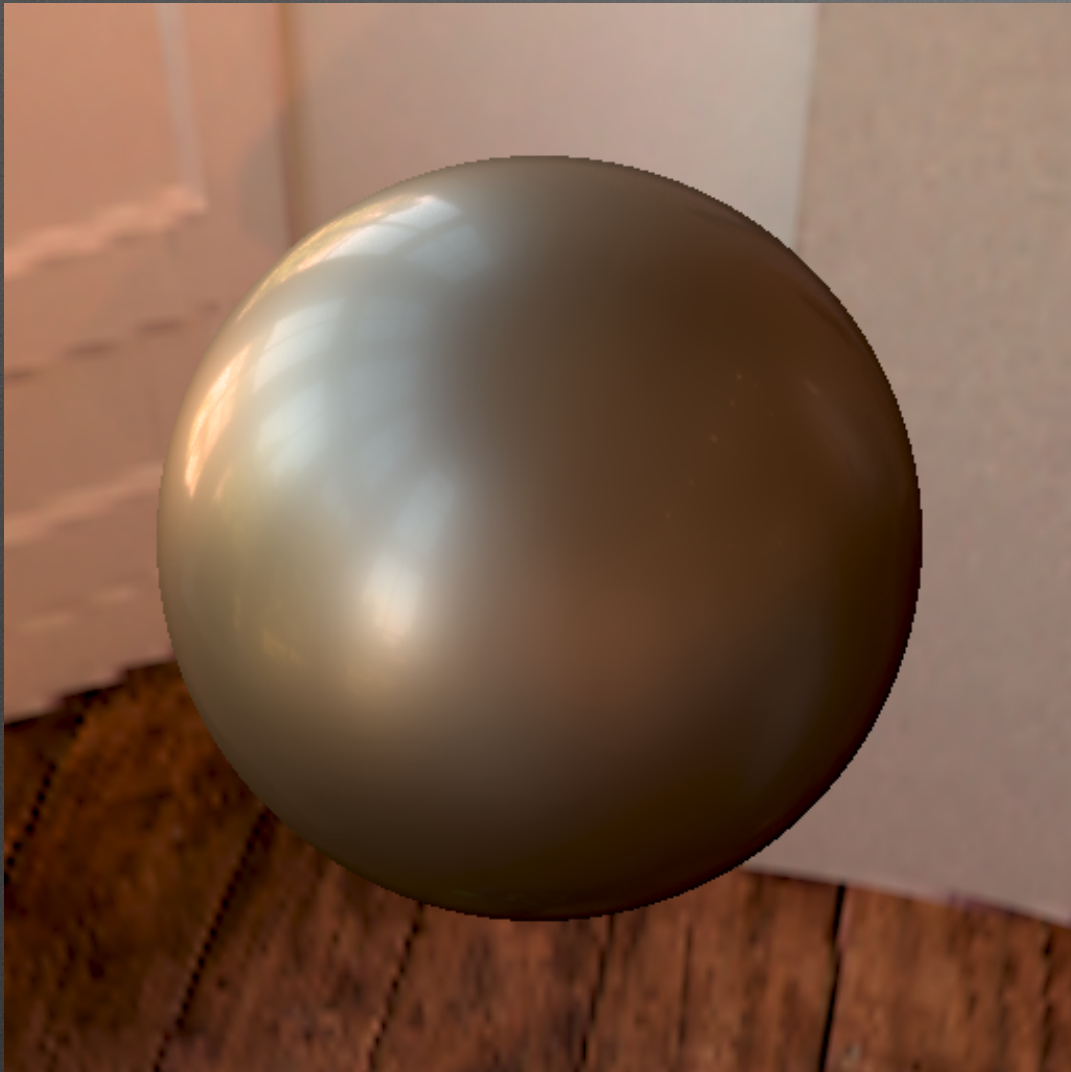
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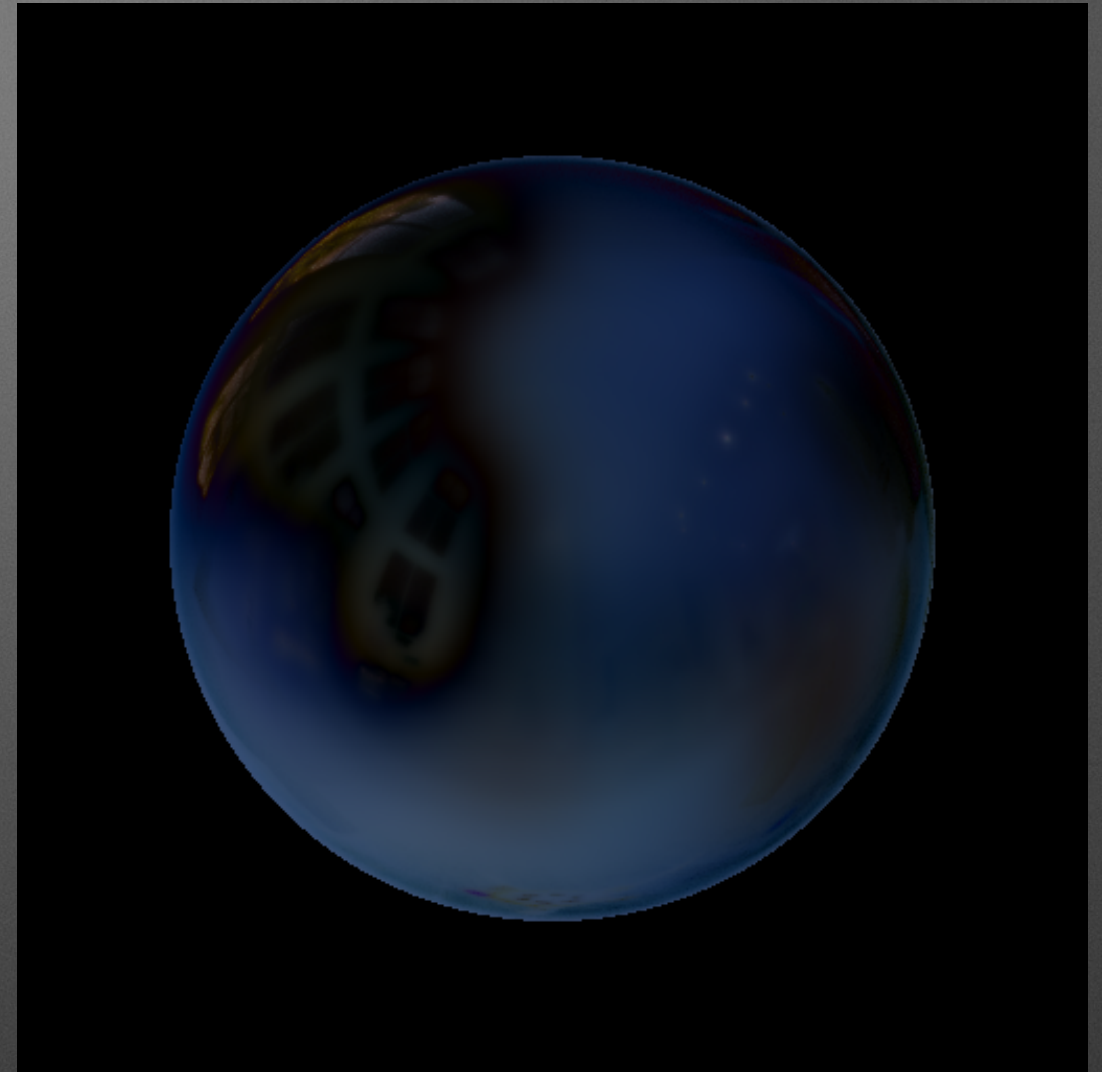
Löw Model



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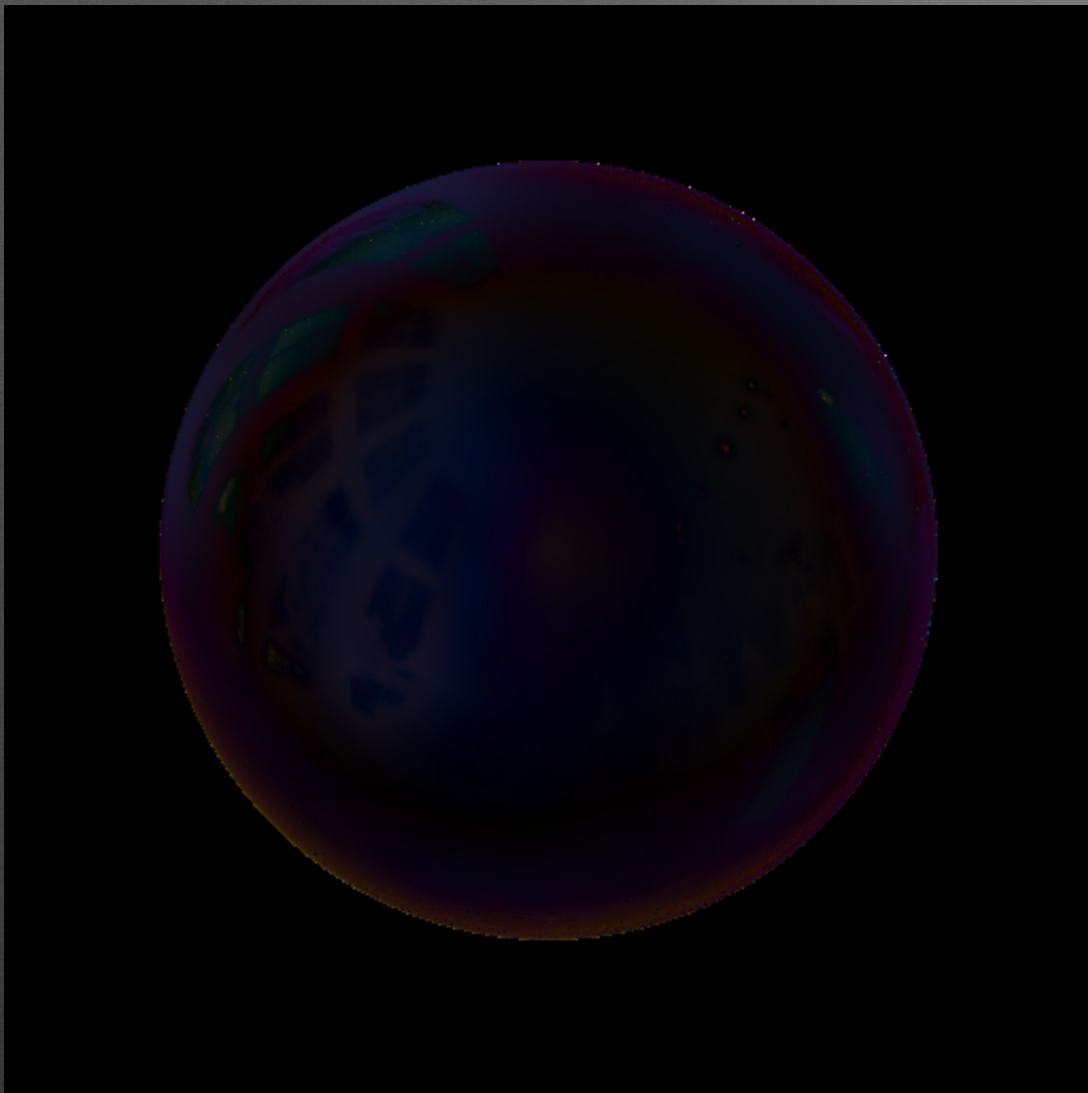
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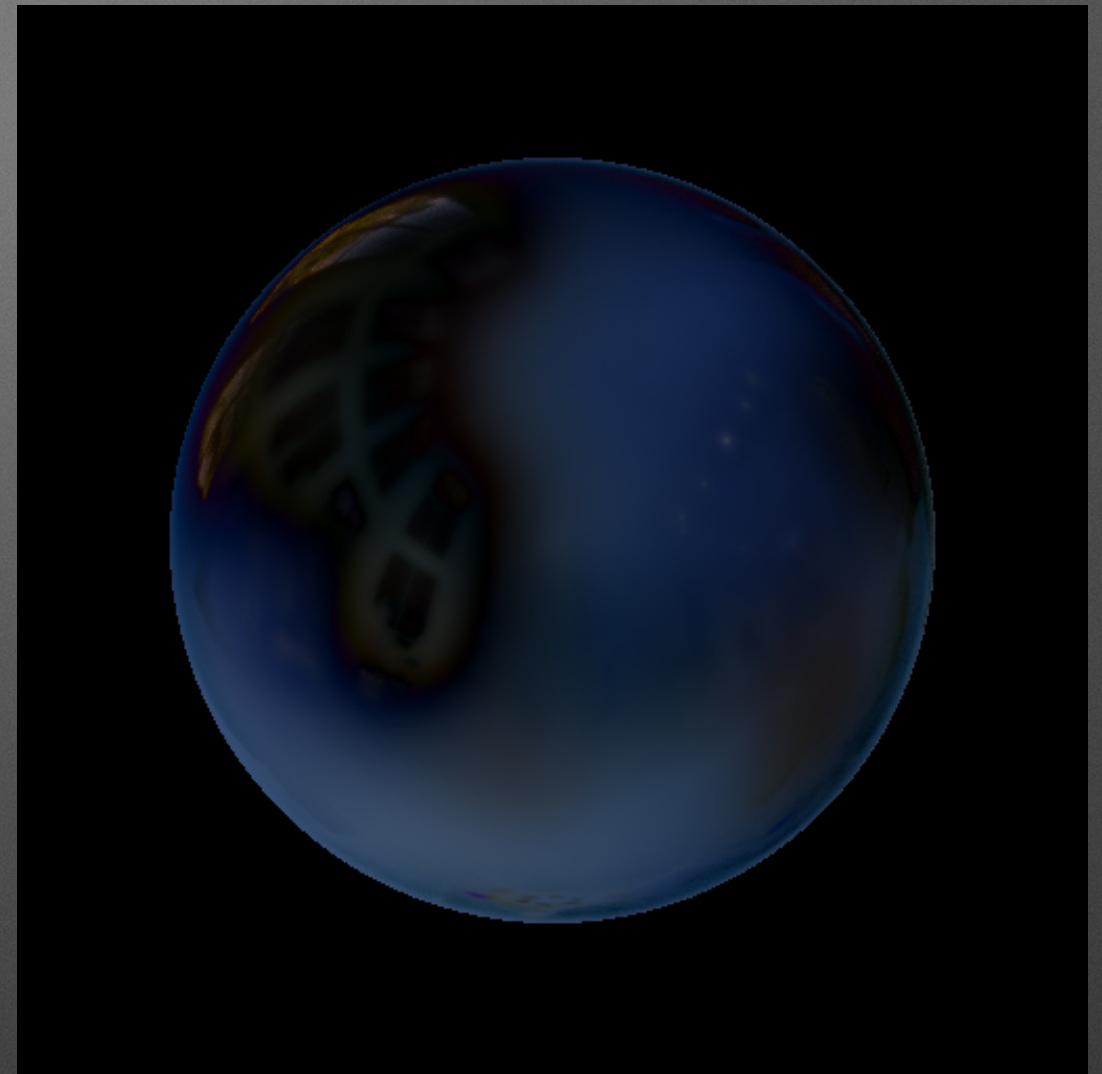
Löw Model  
Diff. sMAPE: 0.148



# Gold Metallic Paint2



Our Model  
Difference sMAPE:0.048



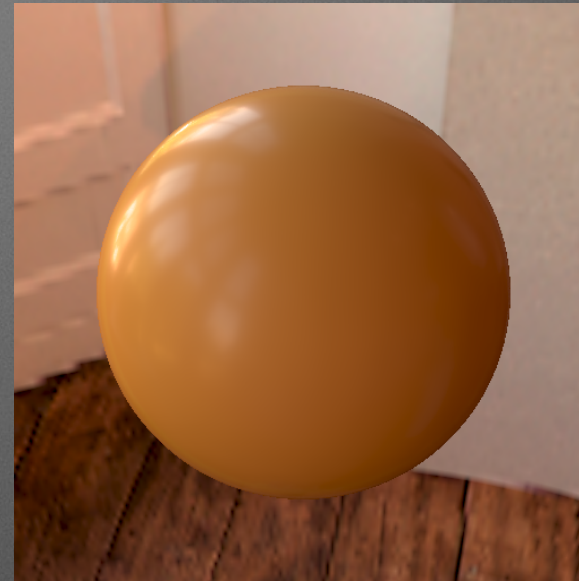
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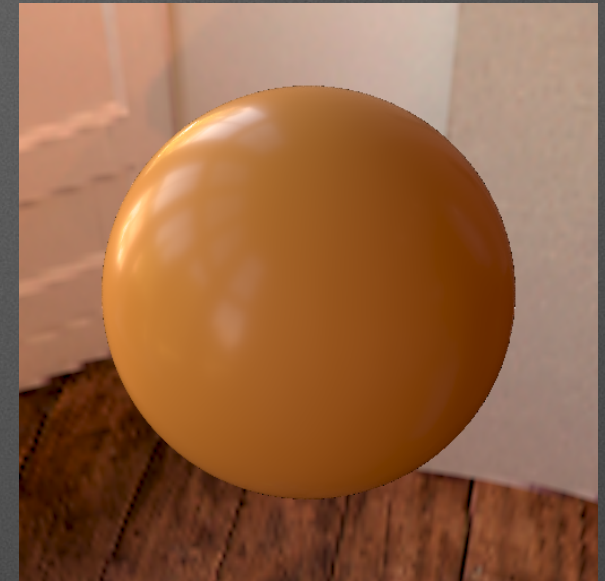
# Regarding He et al. Model

- Based on Beckman-Kirchoff Diffraction
  - Our implementation and fitting
- Overall **POOR** Results
  - Better:
    - Fitting: 3 materials
    - Rendering: 4 materials
- **Different** from Ngan et al. results

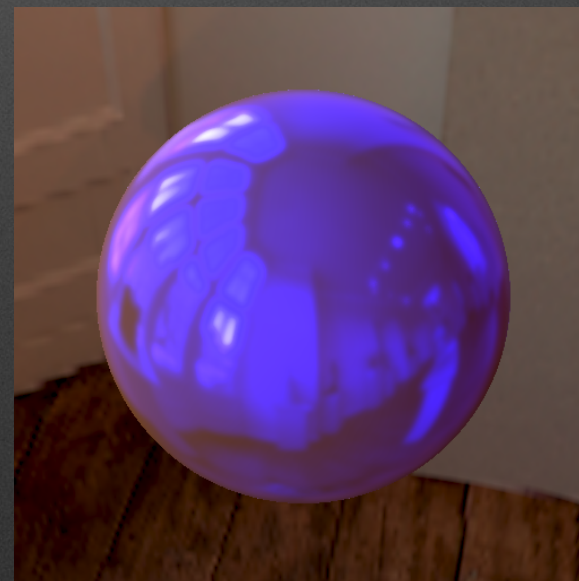
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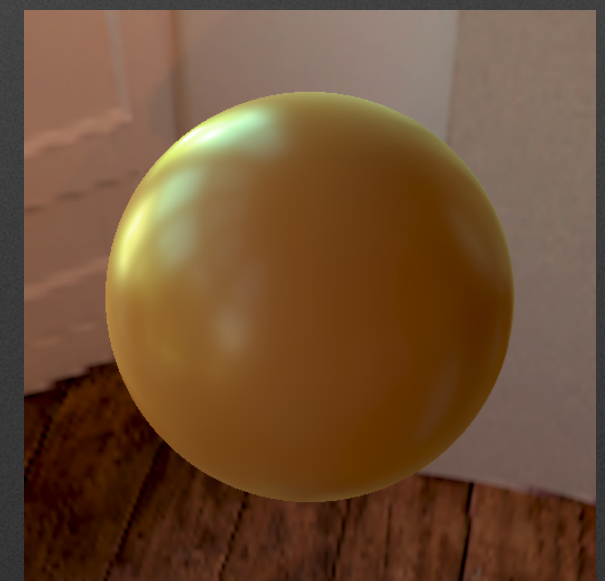
Reference



Our Model



He et al.



SGD



# Number of parameters

MODEL	NUMBER OF PARAMETERS	DIFFRACTION THEORY
Our Model	11	Hybrid Harvey-Shack
Exponential Distribution and Lambert	11	None
Shifted Gamma Distribution	18	None
He et al. Model	11	Beckman - Kirchhoff
Löw et al. Smooth	9	Inspired from Rayleigh-Rice



# Conclusion

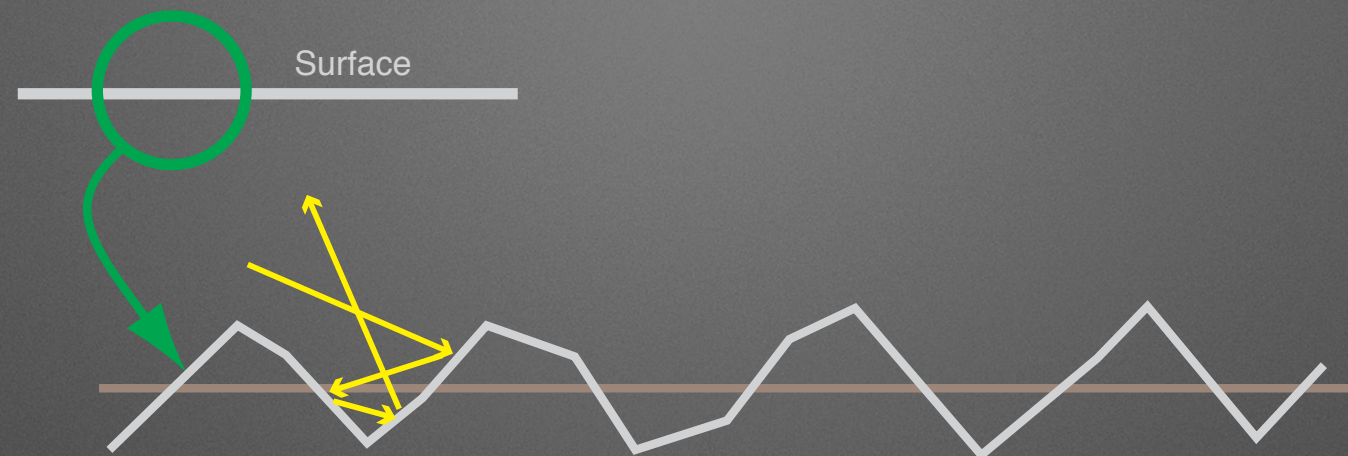
Our two-scale model:

- Better explanation of Measured Data
  - Lobe Size/Width depends on Wavelength
- Micro-facet Theory: Specular Peak
- Limitations:
  - No multi-bounces
  - One Layer of Diffraction

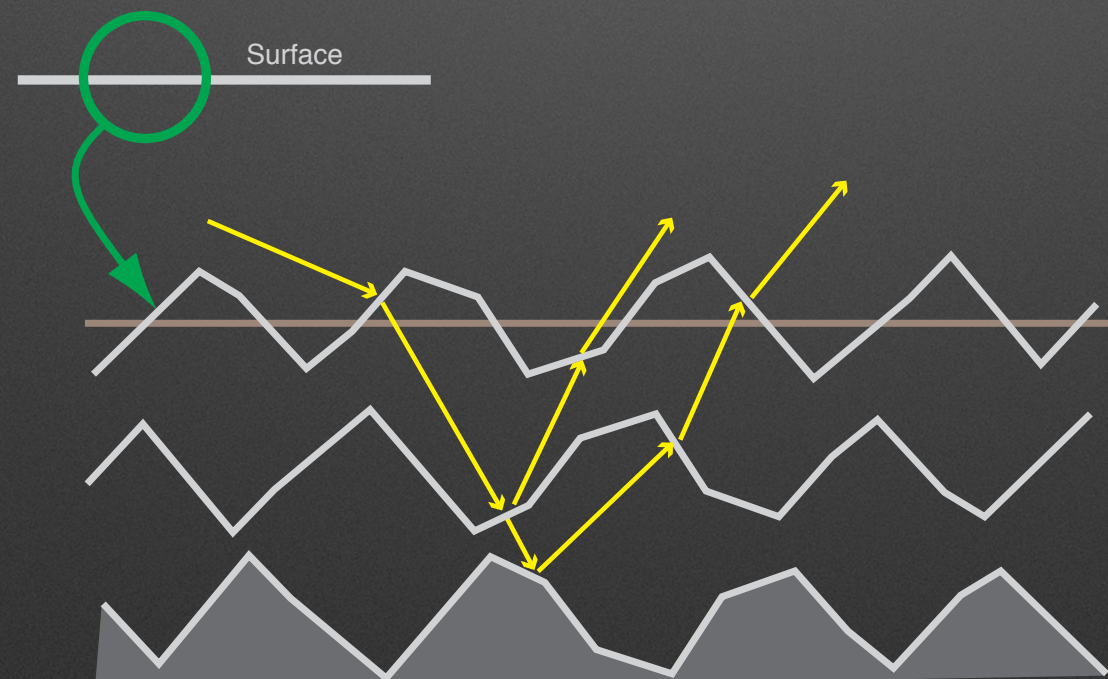


# Future Work

- Multiple Scattering and Diffraction



- Multi-Layers and Diffraction



+ polarisation ?



# Future Work

- Using Diffraction as shading “enhancer”
  - Virtual transformation of a non-metallic surface
- Anisotropic Version of the Model
- A unified Representation
  - PSD for Nano-facet, Normal Distribution for Micro-facet
- Further Validation with precise Measurements:
  - Surface height-field
  - Wavelength BRDF



# Future Work

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  - Surface height-field
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**Thank you  
for your attention**



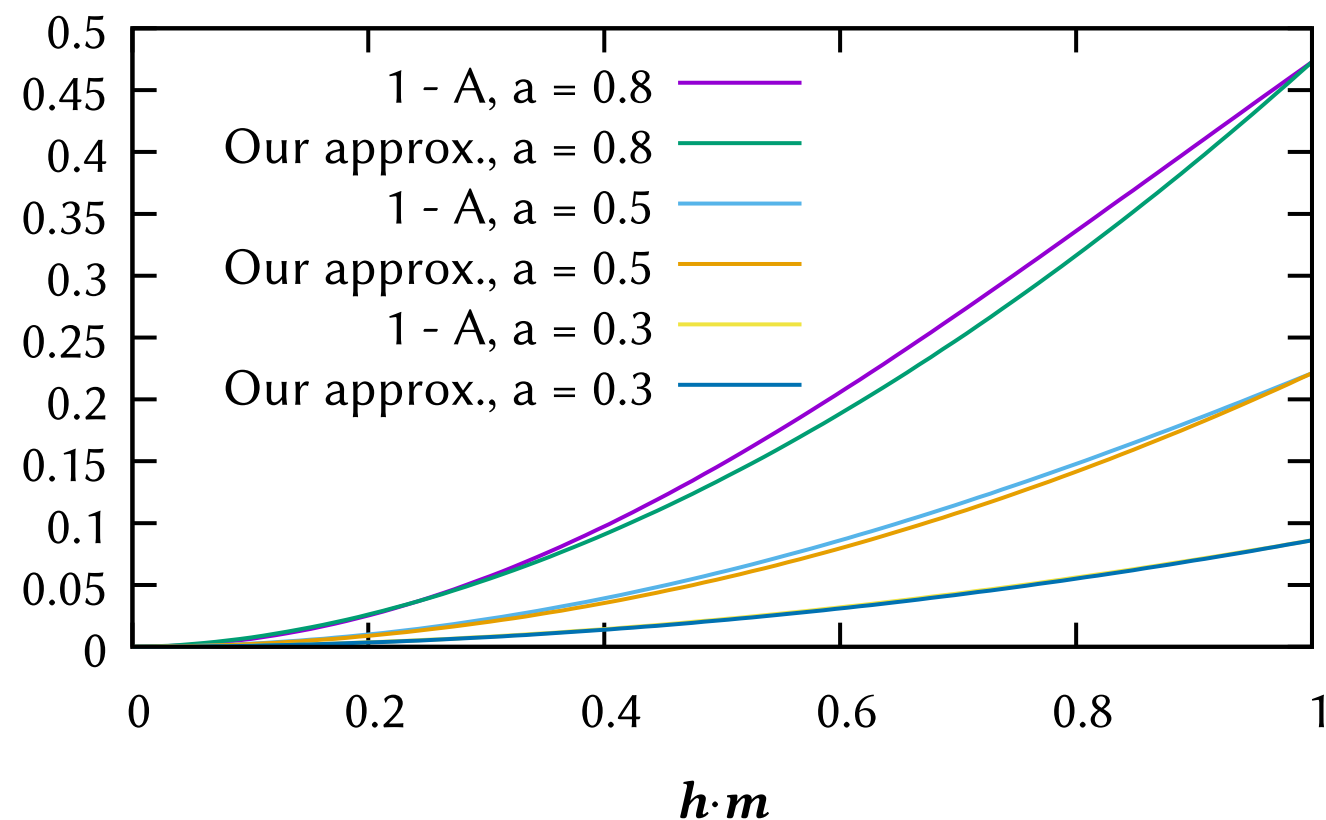
# More on Microfacet convolution

$$\rho_{ghs}(i, o) = \int_{\Omega_m} Fr(i, o) (1 - A_{\sigma_s}(i, o)) K_{\sigma_s}(f) G(i, o) D(m) d\omega_m$$

- **Second: Geometrical Term**

$$(1 - A_{\sigma_s}(i, o)) = 1 - e^{-\left(2\pi \frac{\sigma_s}{\lambda} (\cos \theta_i + \cos \theta_o)\right)}$$

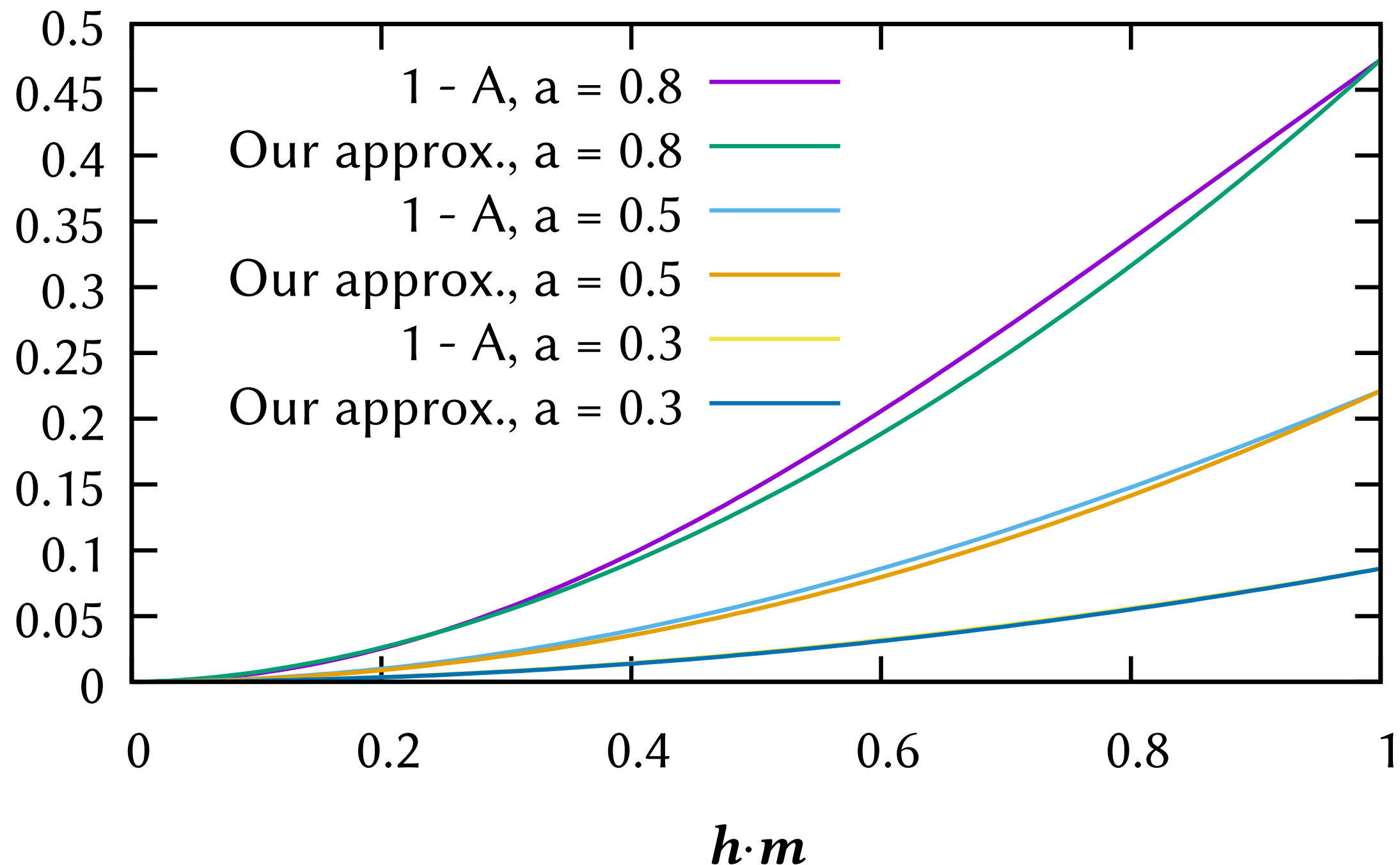
$$(1 - A_{\sigma_s}(i, o)) \approx (1 - A_{\sigma_s}(\theta_d))(h \cdot m)^2$$





# More on Microfacet convolution

$$(1 - A_{\sigma_s}(i, o)) \approx (1 - A_{\sigma_s}(\theta_d))(h \cdot m)^2$$





# Fresnel and Polarization Factor Q

- Q is NOT the Fresnel Term
- Q comes from Rayleigh-Rice Theory
- For Perfect Specular direction  $Q = 2 \text{ Fresnel\_Coefficient}$
- Q is re-introduced into GHS **empirically** for comparisons